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Closure and Consequences: Chapters 20-24 of 'The Scarlet Letter'

Short Answer

1. Explain the significance of the scaffold in Chapter 23 and how it serves as a symbol of public judgment and spiritual renewal.

2. Describe the emotional impact of Reverend Dimmesdale's confession on the townspeople in Chapter 23. How do they react to his revelation?

3. Analyze the final fates of Hester and Pearl in the conclusion of the novel. What decision do they make, and what does it signify?

4. Reflect on the evolving symbolism of the scarlet letter "A" in the conclusion of the novel. How does its meaning change as the story progresses?

5. What message or theme about human nature and morality is conveyed in the novel's closing reflections on good and evil?

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