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## Discovering Hester Prynne: A Character Analysis

### Short Answer Key

1. Hester Prynne is a skilled seamstress, and her profession reflects her character by showcasing her determination and ability to provide for herself and her daughter.
2. At the beginning of the novel, the scarlet letter "A" symbolizes guilt and shame for Hester, marking her as an adulterer and a sinner.
3. Hester's relationship with Pearl demonstrates her character traits of love and resilience. Despite the challenges, Hester's unwavering love for her daughter is evident in her nurturing and protective actions.
4. Hester experiences an internal struggle marked by conflicting emotions of guilt, shame, and moments of strength and defiance as she navigates the societal judgment and her own moral dilemmas.
5. Hester's character development exemplifies themes of sin, judgment, redemption, and the human capacity for change.

