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Journeying into Puritan New England: The Setting of The Scarlet Letter

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the impact of the setting, including the strict moral code and the natural environment, on the characters and their choices in "The Scarlet Letter."
2. Explore the symbolism of the prison and scaffold in the story's setting and how they reflect the themes of judgment and penance.
3. Analyze how the architecture and social hierarchy of the town contribute to the atmosphere and conflicts in "The Scarlet Letter."
4. How does the setting of Puritan New England shape the overall tone and mood of the novel? Provide examples from the text to support your analysis.

