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BIBLIOSCOPIC DIALOGUE: The Scarlet Letter

Summarize this story by filling out the story chart on the next page. In the "Theme" bubble, show how the story addresses the idea of *memory*.



Climax:

SETTING

Dimmesdale climbs the scaffold to publicly confess his guilt and own Pearl; he encourages Hester to trust in God's mercy.

CHARACTERS

Rising Action:

Chillingworth works to keep
Dimmesdale's guilt an ever-present
irritant in his mind and heart.
Hester invites him to flee society
with her and Pearl.

Denouement:

Chillingworth admits his defeat; Dimmesdale finds peace in his final moments; Pearl shrives him with a kiss.

Exposition:

Dimmesdale participates with the governing authorities in sentencing Hester. He pleads with her to reveal the identity of Pearl's father.

Men cannot flee guilt from the Law; grace comes from confession of sin and repentance. Ancestors are mirrors for self-knowledge and conduits of grace. Significance of memory.

THEME

Conclusion:

Dimmesdale's confession leads
Hester to rejoin the community; she
becomes a minister of grace to
fellow sinners in her company.

PLOT

CONFLICT

Man vs. God: Will Dimmesdale find freedom through Divine Law?

