

UNIT 3

Who is Hester Prynne?

After reading Chapter 5, “Hester At Her Needle,” we have an initial understanding of our protagonist in *The Scarlet Letter*. Most of what we know comes from Hawthorne’s use of indirect characterization. It is in her actions, appearance, thoughts, and words that we begin to form an idea of who this complex woman is. Your job is to complete the following web of attributes that examines the evidence given to us by the author that tells us about Hester Prynne. **When you are done, write a structured paragraph** that gives an initial characterization of Hester. Who do you think she is now, only five chapters in to the novel?

Actions**Looks****Hester Prynne****Words****Thoughts**