

The Scarlet Letter - Chapter 1 – 8

Lived in **Boston**, Prison near King's Chapel, rose bushes in front of the door, bush alive for **Ann Hutchinson**

Prison Lane – the plot of grass in front of the Prison, where people usually gather

Women outside discussing **Prynne's(Hussy)** punishment, She stood on the scaffold of the pillory for 3 hours

While on the pillory, she saw her old home in England. **Husband a "misshapen scholar"**

Saw a deformed man with an **Indian** in the crowd, the man turned out to be **Chillingsworth**

John Wilson called her from behind, where **Gov Bellingham** and a few other officials sat.

Wilson asked **Dimmesdale** to get **Prynne** to tell the child's father, **Prynne** refused.

Prynne says that her child has **no "earthly father."** **Wilson** even mentioned removing the scarlet letter

Back in jail, **Prynne went crazy**, **Brackett**, the jail master, got a physician, **Chillingsworth**

Chillingsworth offered both **her** and **Pearl** medicine, but she was scared. Finally she let pearl take the medicine, and even some sedative for her. He knew not **Lethe** nor **Nepenthe**, but an **Indian** taught him something as old as **Paracelsus**. **Prynne** refuses to reveal Pearl's father, **Chillingsworth** vows to find out and doom him. **Prynne** promise to keep his identity secret, says that **silence may ruin her soul**

After jail, **Prynne sewed to live**, living in a small, uncultivable plot of land on the outskirts of town

She had the choice of returning to England and starting new identity, but choose to stay

Couldn't even go to church to share Sabbath of the "**Universal Father**"

Sewed for a living, and for fashionable women, her work applied to **all events BESIDES a wedding**

Pearl is like a immortal flower, **Named her Pearl as being of great price, purchased with all she had**

Her only treasure, jumpy and sometimes evil kid, not someone who takes much from anyone

Seemed fascinated by the scarlet A, and even **threw wild flowers at it**, possessed by the illusion that her child was possessed, **Said that she has no heavenly father**, townspeople thought Pearl was demon

Her only companion for play was her imagination, which was vivid. **Her love of mischief and disrespect of authority reminded her of her own sin of passion.** Pearl only imagines enemies.

Went to Governor's hall to **deliver the pair of gloves** he ordered, but more importantly, **to let her keep Pearl**

Some people thought that it was best for Pearl if some other Christian family raised her

Took Pearl, on the way, **some kids tried to throw mud at them, Pearl went after them and chased them all away.** Decorations would have fit **Aladdin's palace**. Pearl wanted the "**sunshine**" to play with, Prynne says that she has no sunshine for her. A once free English man, but now slave for 7 years,

opened the door, said that **Gov was with a leech**, but Prynne went in anyways. **Portraits, chronicles of England, a suit of armor in the middle, Pearl saw her enlarged scarlet letter in it, then wanted a red rose**, and wouldn't shut up until the **Governor, Chillingsworth, Dimmesdale, and Wilson** arrive

Pearl was wearing a scarlet dress embroidered in gold, to match the scarlet letter

Chillingsworth is Dimmesdale's personal physician. Finds Pearl running around, reminds them of the children of the **Lord of Misrule**. Thought Pearl should be named **Ruby** or **Red Rose**,

Prynne says that she can teach Pearl to learn from her mistakes, **Bellingham** the opposition

Wilson examines Pearl's knowledge **catechism**, Pearl plays dumb, saying she was **plucked off a rose bush outside the prison.** Would have passed **New England Primer** or **Westminster Catechism**

Prynne says that **God gave her the child**, asks for **Dimmesdale's** help. **Dimmesdale** helps her, with a hand over his heart, God has given her the child as blessing and reminder of sin, convinces the governor, but **Pearl will take catechism test and go to school later.** Pearl mysteriously goes over and caresses **Dimmesdale's** hand, and he kisses her back. Roger hints the father of the child

As they left, **Hibbins** asks **Prynne** to join her with other witches in forest, but she refused.

WHAT IS PROVIDENCE?????