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READING QUIZ: *The Scarlet Letter*

Choose a passage from today's reading assignment and write a 3-sentence quotation interpreting that passage that illustrates the *progress toward resolution* of a particular CONFLICT.

Remember, a 3-sentence quotation includes the following elements: elements:

- A “set-up sentence,” which describes the situation in which the passage occurs and makes brief reference to the prompt, question, or assignment,
- A direct quotation from the story, enclosed in quotation marks and followed by author/page-style citation at the end of the sentence but before final punctuation, and
- A “follow-up” sentence, in which you explain how the quotation answers the prompt, question, or assignment.

Possible student response:

Roger Chillingworth's probes into the nature of Arthur Dimmesdale's malady prompt a wild response that betrays a passionate nature.

“Would you, therefore, that your physician heal the bodily evil? How may this be, unless you first lay open to him the wound or trouble in your soul?”

“No—not to thee!—not to an earthly physician!” cried Mr. Dimmesdale passionately and turning his eyes, full and bright, and with a kind of fierceness, on old Roger Chillingworth. “Not to thee! But, if it be the soul's disease, then do I commit myself to the one Physician of the soul! He, if it stand with his good pleasure, can cure; or he can kill! Let him do with me as, in his justice and wisdom, he shall see good. But who art thou, that meddles in this matter?—that darest thrust himself between the sufferer and his God?” (Hawthorne 134).

This scene heightens the conflict between Chillingworth and Dimmesdale and intensifies the minister's struggle against conscience, betraying signs that both confirm the doctor's suspicions and foreshadow the minister's potential victory.