**Questions for The Scarlet Letter:**

Chapter 1 (I) *The prison door*:

1. What does Hawthorne mean when he calls the colony a “utopia”?
2. What structures (the first things the town built) are required? Why?
3. Why does the narrator point out the rose bush?

Chapter 2 (II) *The market place*:

1. What do the women standing outside of the prison feel should be Hester Prynne’s sentence? Why?
2. What is the reaction of the women to Hester’s A?
3. What must she do during this short time out of prison? For how long?

Chapter 3 (III) *The recognition*

1. Who does she recognize?
2. Where has he been?
3. What does he mean when he puts his finger to his lips?
4. Why is Hester being punished, according to the story told to Chillingworth?
5. What do they ask her? What is her answer?
6. Who says “Speak and give your child a father?” How do you know?

Chapter 4 (IV) *The interview*

1. Why is Roger Chillingworth in the prison?
2. What is Hester afraid he will do? Why?
3. Who will he go after?
4. What does he make her promise?
5. Who is “the Black man”?