

Discussion After Episode 2
Should Hester Keep Custody of Pearl?
Is Hester a Good Mother?

To prepare for this discussion, thoughtfully fill out the following handout.

Hester is intent on keeping Pearl during chapters 7 and 8. When she seems to be losing her case, Hester successfully solicits the help of Reverend Dimmesdale. Discuss and decide your view on the issue of Hester keeping Pearl.

Question to Consider: What Makes a Good Mother?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Think through evidence that would support YOUR vision of what makes a good mother.

Analyze three positions:

Dimmesdale's Position: Hester should keep Pearl.

Argument # 1:

Argument # 2:

Argument #3:

Argument #4:

Reverend Wilson's Position: Hester should NOT keep Pearl.

Argument # 1:

Argument # 2:

Argument #3:

Argument #4:

Hester's Position: I should Keep Pearl!

Argument #1:

Argument #2:

Argument #3:

Argument #4: