

**The Scarlet Letter**  
**Study guide Chapters 11 and 12**

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Chapter 11 The Interior of the Heart

Who does Roger Chillingworth believe is the father of Pearl?

What evidence does he have?

Why are the people so fond of Arthur Dimmesdale?

Dimmesdale is obviously physically and psychologically tormented by his guilt, why doesn't he just confess?

What does Arthur Dimmesdale do to punish himself for his "evil" deed or how does he cope with his guilt?

What is the significance of the title of the chapter?

Chapter 12 The Minister's Vigil

Where does Dimmesdale go in this chapter? Why?

How much time has passed since the beginning of the novel?

What unusual thing does Dimmesdale do? Who hears him? What is it attributed to?

Where has everyone been? Who died?

What three people form an "electric chain" on the scaffold?

Explain the significance of the scaffold thus far in the novel.

What is Pearl's question and why is it significant? How does Dimmesdale respond?

What is seen in the sky? What are the two explanations for it?

Who is watching them?

What does Dimmesdale do the next morning?

How does the sexton explain the finding of Dimmesdale's glove on the scaffold?