**“Young Goodman Brown,” Vocabulary and Questions**

Melancholyhttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- Sadness or depression of the spirits; gloom. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Pioushttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- Having or exhibiting religious devotion. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Firmament-http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif The heaven; the sky. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Martyr-http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif One who dies due for their beliefs. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Festoon-http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif A string of garland, as of leaves or flowers, suspended in a loop or curve between two points. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Visagehttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- The face or facial expression of a person; countenance. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Proselytes-http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif A new convert to a doctrine or religion.

Canopyhttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- A covering, usually of cloth, suspended over a throne or bed.

Wantonhttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- Immoral or unchaste; lewd. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Anathema-http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif A vehement denunciation; a curse. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Catechismhttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- A book giving a brief summary of the basic principles of Christianity.

Cognizance-http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif Awareness of knowledge. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Exhortedhttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- To urge by a strong argument. http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

Perseverehttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- To remain in spite of difficulties.

Wretchedhttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- Despicable or mean.

http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gifblasphemyhttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif -something that expresses disrespect for God or for something sacred

Consciencehttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif- The inner sense of what is right or wrong.

anathemahttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif -a detested person

covenanthttp://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif -a signed written agreement between two or more parties (nations) to perform some action http://b.quizlet.com/a/i/spacer.99q4.gif

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1.  What sound drives Brown to further despair?  What comments on human nature does this prompt the narrator to make? ("The road grew wilder . . . leaving him in the heart of the dark wilderness, still rushing onward, with the instinct that guides mortal man to evil. . . . But he was himself the chief horror of the scene, and shrank not from its other horrors. . . . The fiend in his own shape is less hideous, than when he rages in the breast of man").

2.  What thoughts prompt the appearance of Goodman Brown’s guide? What are some of his strange qualities?  Why, for example, does he resemble an older version of Brown himself, and carry a snake-like staff?  Who do you think the old man Brown meets on the road really is?  Look closely at the words used to describe him.  What do they signify?  What does the staff represent?  Do you think the staff leads Brown onward in his journey or does Brown’s own conscience/mind lead him forward?

3.  If Brown had not ventured into the forest, how would his life have been different? If Brown had stayed home with Faith, do you think he would have gone on trusting her and the other townspeople?  In allegories, characters are usually personifications of abstract qualities.  For example, a character can represent a human trait or behavior.  With that in mind, discuss the significance of the names “Young Goodman Brown” and “Faith”.

4.  How does Hawthorne expose and denounce Puritan attitudes and hypocrisy through this story?

5.  “Young Goodman Brown” is a moral allegory.  Essentially, an allegory is an extended metaphor—using one thing to represent another—a story with dual meanings.  Therefore, there is a surface or literal meaning as well as a secondary meaning.  In other words, Hawthorne uses this moral allegory to reveal a moral lesson or lessons.  Discuss the moral lesson(s) you discover in this story.