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The Scarlet Letter
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Chapter Summaries

Directions: Use the chart below to create a chapter summary that would include:

- ❖ Important events and conversations
- ❖ Descriptions of main characters and important settings
- ❖ Symbolic elements--identify what they are and how they are used when they appear
- ❖ Development of theme
 - solation, individualism, morality, guilt, hypocrisy, identity and society, fate vs. free will

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Spark Notes and Cliff's Notes exist. Using the published chapter summaries from a source which is not your own is **plagiarism**. Reading a summary of a book, or a summary of a chapter is not a reading of the book, and will not prepare you for the test over the book. Sharing your chapter summary notes is a polite term for allowing someone to copy and plagiarize. **Don't do this!**

Example of a thorough chapter summary (not from our novel):

Chapter 1

Characters introduced:

Pip (narrator and main character)

Joe (his step-father)

Mrs. Joe (his sister)

Pip is an orphan and is mistreated by his sister; Joe is also mistreated by her and the two are very close. Joe is very kind to him. They live in the country, near marshes, and they live in a house attached to the blacksmith shop where Joe is the village blacksmith.

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