A Deeper Insight

Through this quiz you can begin to create a deeper comprehension and better familiarize yourself with the content of the story.

1. What do you think Hawthorne's purpose of writing this story?

2. What do you think the reason was for Goodman taking this journey at night?

3. Do you think that Goodman should have stayed home?

4. Was everything Brown saw real or imaginary?

5. How would Young Goodman Brown's life had been if he hadn't traveled into the forest?

6. What is the significance of the cloud?

7. Guessing by the pink ribbon Goodman Brown had found in the tree what has happened? Who is the woman he heard?

8. What is revealed of Young Goodman Brown by how easily he accepted that Faith was corrupted?

9. Why is Goodman in a rush to arrive at the meeting?

10. Why is the congregation singing a hymn?
11. What is the significance of the meetings likeness to a religious sermon?

12. What is the significance of the missing broom?

13. What is revealed about Goody Cloyse?

14. Why does Goodman Brown hide when he sees Goody Cloyse in the forest?

15. What do you think the forest is a metaphor for and why?

16. Why is Goodman Brown in the forest in the first place?

17. What do you think of the nature of Young Goodman Brown?

18. What does Young Goodman Brown's wife symbolize?

19. What is the importance of the elderly man's staff? How does it fit the motif of evil in the story?

20. What is the irony behind Young Goodman Brown mentioning his father and grandfather?

21. The elderly man talks about Young Goodman Brown's grandfather and father and helping them with certain tasks. What does this reveal about his history and origin?