

Timed Write

Nathaniel Hawthorne distinctly used several rhetorical questions throughout the entire passage to illustrate the inner turmoil within oneself in a judgemental society.

On line 9, Hester questions herself, "Had Hester sinned alone?" Throughout the entire passage, she questions herself & wonders aloud. Not all of the rhetorical questions clumped into one area, but ~~were~~ brought into the passage in many different spots. Hester continuously questions several things as in line 42-43, "What evil thing is at hand?" Hawthorne gave insight to what Hester is ~~was~~ thinking when society turned against her. All the questions & frustration Hester had due to the fact that the society made her feel as if she "sinned alone" clearly shows her turmoil for believing she's all alone & the only one doing wrong things.

Hawthorne also used imagery to describe the way people would look at Hester. "She would detect the eyes of a young maiden glancing at the scarlet letter shyly & aside & quickly averted, with a faint 'chill crimson' in her cheek," (lines 55-59). One can vividly see the expression on the young maiden's face ~~as~~ when she sees Hester & her scarlet letter. The reader can sense the ignominy Hester faces as the town's people takes one look at her and the Scarlet letter on her chest.

The tone throughout the entire passage contained turmoil from Hester of the continuous judgement the society threw at her. ~~Hawthorne made Hester's tone throughout the passage~~ The tone Hawthorne used for Hester gave the reader a better insight on Hester's feelings. One can tell that she is constantly put on the spotlight when she walks outside. Society made

her feel guilty & convinced her to blame herself & to know that she has committed a sin yet should also acknowledge it. "... Hester Prynne yet struggled to believe that ~~no~~ fellow-mortal was guilty like herself," (lines 67-69). Hawthorne used tone for readers to be able to see the inner turmoil Hester is facing. The society illustrated shows several judgemental people that shun Hester. Hawthorne clearly illustrates the struggles she faces in such a judgemental society that ~~is~~ displays ones sins publicly for everyone to witness.