

Summary

The first time Hester's skills at her needle were made known to the Puritan community was when Hester Prynne stood on the scaffold. At that time, Hester held her baby in her arms and on the breast of her gown, in fine red cloth, surrounded with elaborate embroidery and fantastic flourishes of gold thread, appeared the letter A. All the crowd waiting to see Hester there was amazed at the beauty of Hester. Hester contrived that her standing on the scaffold and wearing such a gorgeous costume was a great opportunity to promote the skill at her needle.

Hester's needlework is made the luxurious and delicate costume. Therefore, the power of the Puritan community wanted the technology at her needle to show his authority and dignity putting on a luxurious and delicate costume. Thanks for the skill at her needle, Hester was able to meet directly with the power of the Puritan community by the order of the costume.

But Governor Bellingham said that Hester must be a scarlet woman and a worthy type of her of Babylon. He wanted to take advantage of Hester who was prominent in the Puritan community to tighten more severely in both religious and political terms.

Because the Governor tried to get closer to the world of human virtue and the utopia of happiness. And so, Hester wanted to be recognized as a suitable person as Pearl's mother and as a member of the Puritan community. Therefore, Hester was very eager in educating Pearl and she began dangerous charity work using the income she earned from needlework for the powers. Hester had fed the poor and she had made clothes before, but Hester has been doing more dangerous charity activities, such as disaster relief and devoted nursing for the plague than before to be granted full custody of Pearl.

Thanks to charity work, Hester was also able to meet the common people of the Puritan community and the beggars at the bottom of the community. Also, she was able to interact with people who did not belong to the Puritan community. Therefore, by interacting with people of all levels in New England, she observes the lives of the people who live there. It was seen more accurately than anyone that the government only of the form which had just been made was inaction against the Puritan community. However, she did not utter any critical words to the Puritan community. The reason is that Hester had the pearl which should be defended and brought up. Moreover, the person in power of the Puritan community was also a customer of Hester at her needle.

Leaving such a Puritan community, Hester and Pearl headed to Europe. After a while, only Hester came back to New England again. The needlework of Hester which produced the luxurious clothes of the power did not be asked for. Because the prohibition was promoted by the purity principle by the transition of the age in New England. The needlework of Hester which produced the gorgeous costume of the power had become the barrier between the power and the common people in the Puritan

community. And then the barrier between them was removed because of stopping the order of the costume.

Tracing Hester's life in New England, Hester had lived for Pearl since Pearl was born, and she had lived for the common people of the Puritan community since Pearl left Hester. In other words, Hester had abandoned all her interest, and always had lived for the benefit of others. Hawthorne, who is a religious man, has delivered Hester, who had lived for others from the harsh punishment of loneliness separated from the Puritan community.