

## ***The Scarlet Letter Vocabulary*** **Chapters 13-17, Chapters 18-20**

### **Chapter 13**

1. pristine – adj. as it was in the earliest time or state; original
2. benign – adj. kindly in feeling; benevolent; gracious
3. austerity – n. sternness in manner or appearance

### **Chapter 14**

1. usurp – v. seize and hold (power, position, authority, etc.) by force or without right
2. retribution – n. deserved punishment; return for wrongdoing

### **Chapter 15**

1. incongruity – n. unfitness, inappropriateness
2. petulant – adj. irritable over trifles; peevish

### **Chapter 16**

1. loquacity – n. talkativeness
2. haggard – adj. looking worn from pain, fatigue, worry, hunger, etc.; gaunt

### **Chapter 17**

1. malevolent – adj. wishing evil to happen to others; showing ill will; spiteful

### **Chapter 18**

1. estrange – v. turn (a person) from affection to indifference, dislike, or hatred; make unfriendly; separate

### **Chapter 19**

1. mollify – v. soften in temper; calm
2. intangible – adj. not capable of being touched or felt; not easily grasped by the mind
3. wonted – adj. accustomed; customary; usual

### **Chapter 20**

1. vicissitude – n. change in circumstances or fortune
2. venerable – adj. worthy of reverence; deserving respect because of age, character, or importance