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Response Paper 8

Making Connections - Question 4

This story relates very well to human nature in that there are flaws. ^{Fragment} Flaws in judgment of other people. The main characters presented are Goodman Brown, his wife Faith, and the traveler. In a nutshell Goodman Brown leaves his wife to proceed on some mission. He ^{sp} rendezvous with his fellow traveler companion and continues on his mission. Brown knew this mission must be accomplished but knew it was wrong. In a way it parallels a man in battle who ^{intendedly} must shoot his enemy otherwise be shot.

When Brown left his wife Faith, ^{he} spent a while saying goodbye as if it was his final ^{cite!} mission and may not come back. ^{good} The setting was sunny and warm and the atmosphere overall felt serene. Faith's pink ribbon symbolized her. While saying farewell to each other he seemed like a happy man who had faith in others.

When he is on his way to complete his mission, ^{the} setting is dark and gloomy. He meets up with his companion to fulfill his mission. On the way to their destination they meet up with Brown's idols. He discovers that they committed acts of sin as he must do something. Brown, afraid to complete his mission because it would compromise his good character observes some kind of evil ceremony. The speaker states "Evil is the nature of mankind. Evil must be your only happiness. Welcome again, my children, to the communion of your race" (Hawthorne 1170). It

was this point that Brown felt that there was no pure good in the world. That quote simply states that humans must and will always commit evil acts and is in the nature of the human race.

In my opinion Goodman Brown seems like a well intentioned person who thought that in order to be a good person one must be good all the time. When he discovers that his teacher and church followers committed acts of sin he was shocked. I believe that the definition of being human comes with flaws. No one human is perfect. Brown could not accept this reality and therefore lived his life with resentment towards others. When others prayed "he scowled and muttered to himself, and gazed sternly at his wife, and turned away" (Hawthorne 1171). Since he was such a sour man with no compassion for anyone else during his adult years it resulted in few friends. Upon death nobody wrote any "hopeful verse upon his tombstone" (Hawthorne 1171).

I believe the purpose of this story is to make people realize that there is good and evil in the world. Denying this fact will result in being a grouchy sour individual. Brown's wife Faith seems to represent a good well rounded human being. Although she is not presented in the story often it seems like she acknowledges that there exists evil and good.

Works Cited

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. "Young Goodman Brown." Exploring Literature. 4th edition. Ed. Frank Madden. New York: Pearson Education, Inc., 2009. 1162-1171.

Notes:

Brown's Evil Mission:

- left wife Faith to go on some risky wrong mission w/ shady character.
- Bails out on mission. Observes a witch meeting.
- Wakes up and all **could of been a dream.**
- Since the negative events he lived life in fear + doubt.
- died with no one to remember him for anything special.

Pink Ribbons:

Show up...

Significance?

Mission:

- Dream?

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