

ENGLISH 11

COURSE MANUAL

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LESSON PLANS - TESTS - ANSWER KEYS - QUARTER REPORT FORMS

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THE FIRST QUARTER

Hester Prynne, Mary Hallock Foote

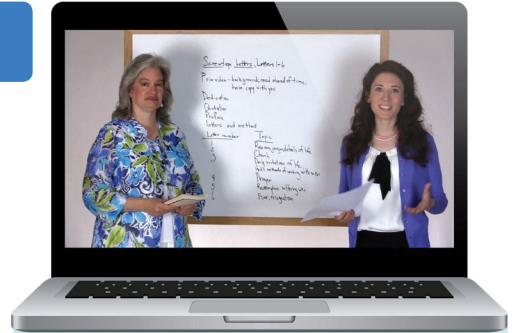


WEEK THREE

Day 1



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SetonOnline includes video lectures featuring Dr. Lisa Marciano of Christendom College.

These videos give helpful explanations and provide Catholic commentary for each reading assignment in the course.

The first literature assignment is Nathaniel Hawthorne’s *The Scarlet Letter*. The Dover Thrift Study Edition contains summaries and commentaries in the back of the book. The summaries may be helpful in understanding what is going on, but the commentaries are NOT meant to take the place of a careful reading of the book or of your own original thinking on the book. Interpretive essays and test answers which are mere paraphrases of these commentaries will receive low grades. You should read the summary on each chapter only after you have read the chapter and thought about it on your own, bearing in mind that the text itself and the Seton Lesson Plan and answer keys should serve as your primary sources for understanding the book.

After each assignment take a brief content quiz, closed book. Note that there are a total of 50 questions in the 8 quizzes. Each question is worth 2 points in the total grade which should be put on the First Quarter Report form on the blank line for “*The Scarlet Letter* quizzes.”



Read Chapters 1 to 3. (“Custom House” is optional.)

Quiz #1

1. What is growing beside the prison door?
2. What is the attitude of the majority of the women watching Hester?
3. Where is she required to stand?
4. What is the name of Hester’s pastor?
5. What does he ask her to do?
6. What does the child do during the sermon that follows?

Day 2



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Read Chapters 4 to 6.

Quiz #2

1. What does Chillingworth give to the child?

2. Why is Hester afraid when he first offers to give it to her?
3. Why does he say he shouldn't have married Hester?
4. What does he ask her to swear?
5. How does Hester earn a living?
6. What is her daughter's name and why does she choose it?

**Day 3**

Read Chapters 7 to 9.

**Quiz #3**

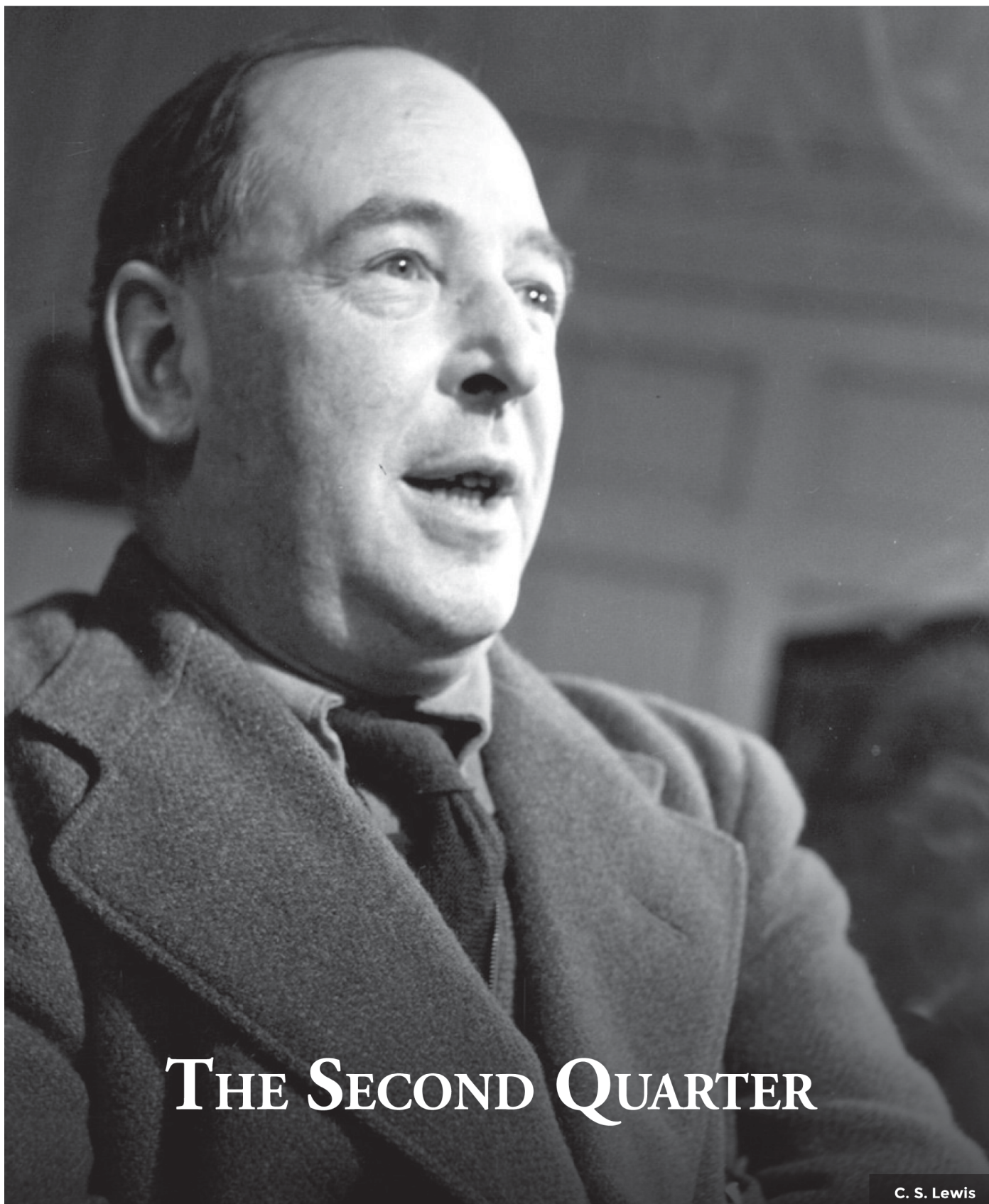
1. What is Hester afraid Governor Bellingham will do?
2. What question does Reverend Wilson ask Pearl?
3. What does she answer?
4. Why does the Governor not do what Hester was afraid of?
5. What does Hester tell Mistress Hibbins would have happened if the Governor had done what she was afraid of?
6. What relationship does Roger Chillingworth have to Rev. Dimmesdale at this time?

**Day 4**

Read Chapters 10 to 12.

**Quiz #4**

1. What does Chillingworth do while Dimmesdale is asleep?
2. He does this just after Dimmesdale became angry with him. Why was Dimmesdale angry?
3. What is the general attitude of the people toward Dimmesdale as a minister?
4. Name two penances that Dimmesdale imposes upon himself.
5. Where does Dimmesdale stand in the middle of the night?
6. What does Pearl ask Dimmesdale to do and how does Dimmesdale respond?



THE SECOND QUARTER

C. S. Lewis

2. a) Recount the story of the atheist in the British Museum. b) Discuss with your parent-teacher ways in which we can keep the “real world” from distracting us from our faith.
3. Letter 2: How can the people the patient meets when he goes to church and the things that go on in church distract him from Christianity itself?
4. Letter 3: Summarize the different ways that animosity is to be built up between the patient and his mother.

Day 3Read Letters 4 to 6. **Quiz #3**

1. At the beginning of Letter 4, Screwtape tells Wormwood to encourage the patient to what kind of prayer?
2. During prayer, Wormwood is to keep directing the patient's attention to ____.
3. What is Wormwood happy about in Letter 5?
4. What name does Screwtape always use for God? What does he use for Satan?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON LETTERS 4-6

1. Letter 4: a) What are the different ways Wormwood can misdirect the patient's prayers so that even though he prays, he gains no spiritual benefits? b) Discuss with your parent-teacher ways in which we can keep our prayers from going in these wrong directions.
2. Letter 5: a) Why is Wormwood happy about the war? b) Why does this irritate Screwtape?
3. Letter 6: Explain this statement: God “wants men to be concerned with what they do; our business is to keep them thinking about what will happen to them.”
4. a) What does God mean when He wants us to say “Thy will be done”? b) What contrary attitude do the devils want to create?
5. Screwtape tells of benevolence and malice in the patient's soul. How is Wormwood to use these?





Day 4



Read Letters 7 to 9.

Quiz #4

1. What is Hell's current policy toward human knowledge of the devils' existence?
2. Screwtape is considering two alternatives regarding the patient in relation to the event in Letter 5. What are the two alternatives?
3. What is the law of Undulation?
4. Why does Screwtape say "the prayers offered in the state of dryness are those which please Him best"?
5. What is Hell's goal regarding pleasures?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON LETTERS 7-9

1. Letter 7: a) What are the two different attitudes toward the existence of devils? b) Which does Screwtape encourage for modern man? c) What does he mean by a Materialist Magician?
2. a) Whether he makes the patient a pacifist or a patriot, what more important thing should he do? b) Explain: "Once you have made the World an end, and faith a means, you have almost won your man, and it makes very little difference what kind of worldly end he is pursuing."
3. Letter 8: a) What is the law of Undulation? b) What are some examples of it?
4. Explain: "We want cattle who can finally become food. He wants servants who can finally become sons."
5. Why does God not "make more use of His power to be sensibly present to human souls in any degree He chooses and at any moment"?
6. Explain: "Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our Enemy's will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys." Consider the story of Job.
7. Letter 9: Why are the troughs the best time for sensual temptations?
8. a) Why is pleasure God's "invention"? b) Discuss with your parent-teacher the similarities between Screwtape's comments and this comment of G. K. Chesterton: "There are no bad things; only bad wills."
9. Explain: "Of course, there is no conceivable way of getting by reason from the proposition 'I am losing interest in this' to the proposition 'This is false.' But, as I said before, it is jargon, not reason you must rely on."

Day 5



Read Letters 10 to 12.



Job and His Friends, Ilya Repin

Quiz #5

1. In letter 10, why are his new acquaintances desirable?
2. What are the two parallel lives the patient is to be induced to live?
3. What type of humor is best of all for Hell's purposes?
4. The patient is to be moved from choosing pleasures over God's will to choosing _____ over God's will?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON LETTERS 10-12

1. Letter 10: a) Why are his new acquaintances desirable? b) Discuss with your parent-teacher ways in which people today are tempted to worldliness. What are some specific examples?
2. Letter 11: What are the different causes of laughter and how does Screwtape analyze each?
3. Letter 12: Explain a) "The Christians describe the Enemy as one 'without whom Nothing is strong.' And Nothing is very strong: strong enough to steal away a man's best years..." b) "Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed, the safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts." Why should a person not congratulate himself just because he has committed no spectacular sins? c) Discuss with your parent-teacher how this chapter relates to Christ's words in the Book of Revelation: "If you are lukewarm, I will spew you out of my mouth."

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