English 3

Mr.Scholtz

“The Minister's Black Veil” Discussion Questions

How does Hawthorne describe the veil?

How do the paritioners react to the veil?

What does "the man" mean by saying men are "sometimes afraid to be alone with himself"?

What does Minister discover about his marriage/the strength of his relationship with his wife?

How does the world outside the town react to the veil?

What do Father Hooper's final words disclose about his possible reasoning for wearing the veil?

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Symbolism & Allegory

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| Complex 1 - Literal | Complex 2 – Allegorical |
| Rev Hooper |  |
| Wears/puts on | Wears/puts on |
| A black veil |  |
| In order to hide | In order to hide |
| His face (the particular features of his face) |  |
| From the gaze/sight of | From the gaze/sight of |
| Other |  |
| And from | And from |
| Himself (when he looks in the mirror) |  |