

THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND
STUDY QUESTIONS - Short Summer Version

1. What 's Kit's first impression of America upon stepping ashore? What gives her this impression?

2. What factors motivate Kit to dive into the water to retrieve Prudence's doll?

3. For what reason (or reasons) does Goodwife Cruff suspect Kit may be a witch?

4. What chain of circumstances led Kit to come to America and find her Aunt Rachel?

John Holbrook jumps to false conclusions when Kit tells him about her childhood. What does he assume her childhood was like? How does Kit describe her childhood?

Read again the first paragraph of Chapter 3. Kit's impression of Wethersfield is not very favorable. List some words & phrases from this paragraph that the author uses to give a negative impression of the town.

Define hospitality in your own words. & B- Consider the effect Kit's arrival has on the Wood family. Do they show her the hospitality that is commanded? List each family member and indicate whether you think that person shows hospitality

What is the symbolism of the red flower at Hannah's house? What does this teach Kit?

How were the Quakers different from the Puritans? How did each group get its name?

Ch12 What does Nat say about King James? If he had lived a nearly a hundred years later, what side would he have fought for in the War for Independence? What is King James most known for now?

What reason do the angry townspeople give for the sickness? What do they propose to do?

What happens when Nat and Prudence show up at Kit's trial? Why did Reverend Bulkeley choose those particular Bible verses for Prudence to read in the trial?

What do William and Kit learn about each other's life priorities when they finally get to talk? What is the result of this conversation?

In a few words each, how would you describe the well-matched priorities and personalities of the three new couples, Judith & William, Mercy & John, and Kit & Nat?

What happened to the site where Hannah's house had been?
