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Acceptance: “Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder”

Period: _____

Directions: Shrek uses magic to make him and Fiona a perfect couple in the eyes of Far Far Away, so compare the motivations and attitudes behind Shrek’s potion consumption with those surrounding Aylmer’s scientific experiment. Fill in the left column as you watch the movie. Afterwards, with a partner, refer to the text to complete the right column. Remember to use textual evidence to support your answers (include direct quotations and page numbers).

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| Describe Shrek and Aylmer’s problem. Why do they want the potion? Identify their motivation. | | |
| What do Shrek and Aylmer hope to gain from the potion? What is the desired result? What is the ideal they are striving for? | | |
| How do Donkey and Georgiana initially display skepticism toward the potions? Why would they feel this way? | | |
| How do Fiona and Aminadab prove the cliché, “beauty is in the eye of the beholder” and show they accept Shrek and Georgiana “just the way [they] are”? | | |

Prediction: Before midnight, Fiona reveals that her marital happiness is not dependent on society’s idea of beauty – human form – so the potion is unnecessary. Do you think Aylmer will be similarly enlightened before it is too late? Why or why not?

“The Birthmark” by Nathaniel Hawthorne

