

"The Birthmark" by Nathaniel Hawthorne

1. The main character in this story is
 - a. Aylmer, a butcher
 - b. Aylmer, a chemist
 - c. Georgiana, Aylmer's assistant
 - d. Aylmer, a plastic surgeon

2. Aylmer loves
 - a. his wife, first and foremost
 - b. science above everything else
 - c. astronomy
 - d. fashion

3. Although Aylmer loves *Georgiana*, he wants to
 - a. Remove the birthmark on her face
 - b. Teach her how to cook
 - c. Remove the wart on her cheek
 - d. Keep her away from his laboratory

4. Why does he want to do this (#3)?
 - a. He doesn't want her to look old.
 - b. He wants to make her special.
 - c. He thinks she can be more beautiful than she is.
 - e. He is embarrassed by her looks.

5. Why does *Georgiana* consent to Aylmer's request?
 - a. She is afraid of him.
 - b. She thinks she looks ugly.
 - c. She is unhappy with her life.
 - d. She wants to please him.

6. What do you think is the point that the author is making in this story?
 - a. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
 - b. Plastic surgery was popular even long ago.
 - c. Seeking perfection is not a worthy goal.
 - d. No one is perfect.