

From Evidence Sheet to Body Paragraph—an example

Evidence Sheet for ONE Body paragraph of an essay

Reason: I believe Goodman Brown Changes because of how his relationship with Faith changes.

“Poor little Faith!’ thought he, for his heart smote him. ‘What a wretch am I, to leave her on such an errand!’.....”Well; she’s a blessed angel on earth; and after this one night, I’ll cling to her skirts and follow her to heaven.”
(Beginning Viewpoint)

“Well, then, to end the matter at once,’ said Goodman Brown, considerably nettled, ‘there is my wife, Faith. It would break her dear little heart; and I’d rather break my own!’”

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“Turning the corner by the meeting-house, he spied the head of Faith, with the pink ribbons, gazing anxiously forth, and bursting into such joy at sight of him, that she skipped along the street, and almost kissed her husband before the whole village. But Goodman Brown looked sternly and sadly into her face, and passed on without a greeting.”
(ending Viewpoint)

“Often, awaking suddenly at midnight, he shrank from the bosom of Faith, and at morning or eventide, when the family knelt down at prayer, he scowled, and muttered to himself, and gazed sternly at his wife, and turned away.”

Thesis: Goodman Brown changes from a devout, blind follower to a skeptic, suspicious soul.

We find that Goodman Brown feel terrible for leaving his wife to go on this trip to the forest and loves his wife dearly and promises to never leave her after this trip.

Goodman Brown has a strong relationship with his wife faith and knows that to push the trip to the forest any longer than what it needs to be would burden Faith and he would rather hurt himself than his loving wife.

we find that Goodman Brown views Faith differently after the frightening encounter with her at the ceremony. Of all the people to betray him, Faith, his own wife, is potentially a satanic convert. regardless of any concrete evidence Goodman Brown’s views Faith differently than before.

With this statement we realize that the damage is done and that Goodman Brown’s depiction of Faith will never be the way it once was. Goodman Brown has become a distrustful and cold man rejecting his own wife.

In the story, “Young Goodman Brown” by Nathaniel Hawthorne, Goodman Brown is described as a convert, as is his wife Faith. What sort of conversion happens to Young Goodman Brown? In the story, Goodman Brown goes through a dramatic conversion from a pious Christian follower to a distrustful and suspicious soul.

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Again, Goodman Brown’s conversion is evident because of how his relationship with his wife, Faith, changes over the development of the story. When denying the devil from going any further into the forest, Goodman Brown proclaims, **“Well, then, to end the matter at once,’ said Goodman Brown, considerably nettled, ‘there is my wife, Faith. It would break her dear little heart; and I’d rather break my own!’”** (349). As Goodman Brown is challenged to delve deeper into darkness, the thought of his good wife holds him strong to his resolve. Here we see that Faith is his foundation when tempted by the devil. We can see that Goodman Brown and Faith are a pious couple, but this changes when he finds that his wife was one of the new converts. Stepping out of the forest to head home, Goodman Brown becomes conflicted:

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Of all the people to betray him, Faith, his own wife, is potentially a satanic convert. Leo Levy, a writer for the Journal of English and Germanic Philology, describes it as, **“dreadful irony in the manner in which Faith greets Brown on his return to the village, as if she had not been present in the forest and had played no part in the terrible events that take place there. She is as she was at the beginning—except that it is impossible for Brown to see her as she was.”** He can never get over what he saw in the forest, and it haunts him. For the rest of his life, he lives a life of distrust, never knowing if Faith is an honest woman and always in disbelief of her actions. Because of this conversion in the forest, Goodman Brown changes from a virtuous man into a skeptical and distrustful husband forever doubting his wife Faith.