Rappaccini’s Daughter – Nathaniel Hawthorne

Questions

1.) Based on what you know about Beatrice’s love for plants, what do you think will happen to her in this story? Explain your answer and support it with evidence from the selection.

2.) In “Rappaccini’s Daughter,” how does Nathaniel Hawthorne’s use of descriptive language affect the story? Explain your answer and support it with evidence from the selection.

3.) In “Rappaccini’s Daughter,” how are the shrub and Beatrice alike? Explain your answer and support it with evidence from the selection.

4.) In “Rappaccini’s Daughter,” what does Giovanni mean when he asks in section 15 “must I believe all that I have seen with my own eyes?” Explain your answer and support it with evidence from the selection.

5.) In “Rappaccini’s Daughter,” what is the parallel between Professor Baglioni’s story about Alexander and Giovanni’s encounter with Beatrice? Explain your answer and support it with evidence from the selection.

6.) Out of the five subgenres of Science Fiction (Time Travel, Interplanetary Travel, Alien Invasion, Future War, and Sinister Biological Experiments) where does “Rappaccini’s Daughter” fit? Support your answer with reasons why you put “Rappaccini’s Daughter” in the subgenre you chose.