

## The Minister's Black Veil – Worksheet PDF

### Questions and Answers - The Minister's Black Veil – Set 1

1. Who are the main characters in The Minister's Black Veil?
  - The main character in the story is the Reverend and Minister Mr. Hooper. The remaining characters of the story are only side characters.
2. Who is the protagonist of the story The Minister's Black Veil?
  - The protagonist of the story is the Reverend and Minister Mr. Hooper.
3. Who is the antagonist of the story The Minister's Black Veil?
  - There is no true antagonist in the story.
4. Is The Minister's Black Veil a true story?
  - The Minister's Black Veil is not a true story and is a work of fiction. The settings are written to draw inspiration from the political scenario of France back in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.
5. What happens in the end of The Minister's Black Veil?
  - The story ends with Auguste Dupin tricking minister Mr. D— and stealing the letter. He explains in detail as to how he successfully steals the letter without rousing any suspicion.

### Questions and Answers - The Minister's Black Veil – Set 2

6. What is the main idea or theme behind The Minister's Black Veil?
  - The main theme that is being discussed in the minister's lack veil is the secret sins that are made by man.
7. What happened in the start of story The Minister's Black Veil?
  - In the start of the story, Reverend Mr. Hooper begins to wear a black veil to almost completely obscure his face. This unsettles everyone as they are not sure as to why the reverend whom they all love is wearing this veil.
8. What is the moral of The Minister's Black Veil?
  - The moral of "The Minister's Black Veil" is that we are all sinners. Some have sinned openly while others have sinned in secret. For those who secretly sin and display that they did so, it creates a divide from those around them as they are yet to acknowledge

their secret sins. In the story, Minister Hooper begins to wear a dark veil that covers his face. The veil represents secret sin and causes people to avoid him.

9. What genre of story is the Minister's Black Veil?

- Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Minister's Black Veil" is a Gothic short story.

10. Explain a short summary of the short story?

- The Reverend Mr. Hooper wears a black veil that obscures and covers most of his face. Only his mouth and chin visible. The veil is a symbol of secret sin. The story is about the people's reaction to the veil.

### **Questions and Answers - The Minister's Black Veil – Set 3**

11. What is the main message of the minister's black veil?

- The main message or the primary theme that is being conveyed is the existence and cover up of the secret sins made by man. This is symbolized by the veil that Mr. Hooper wears and hides behind.

12. What does the author mean by the secret sin made by man in the Minister's Black Veil?

- A secret sin is one which man makes in order to hide his or her truths which he chooses not to reveal. For example, one might secretly be angry at someone but put up a happy face and act pretentious. This type of sin has the ability to eat someone from the inside.

13. Does Mr Hooper remove the veil?

- No. Reverend Mr. Hooper does not take off his veil even when he was on his death bed. The reverend wanted people to know about their own secret sins and this was his way of saying that he has sinned.

14. Who is the narrator in the short story the minister's black veil?

- The narrative is primarily third-person limited.

15. What happens to the reverend's fiancée in The Minister's black veil?

- His fiancée breaks off the engagement and leaves Reverend Mr. Hooper after he starts to wear the veil.

### **Questions and Answers - The Minister's Black Veil – Set 4**

16. What is the irony in the Minister's black veil?

- The irony is that though the reverend never wavered in his convictions and refused to remove it even on his dying bed, the parishioners and the townsfolk only singled him out as a monster but refused to look at their own true sins.

17. What is the main conflict of the Minister's Black Veil?

- The main conflict being discussed in "The Minister's Black Veil" is about the nature of secret sin and the judgment that is being passed on those who have openly sinned.

18. What is the climax or conclusion at the end of the story the black veil?

- Reverend Hooper is on his deathbed surrounded by members of his congregation. As he slips closer to death, Hooper's congregants and another young minister attempt to remove Hooper's veil which he does not allow. He ends up being buried with it. The reverend warns everyone not to pass judgement on him for wearing a veil but to consider their secret sins.