**Reading Analysis Questions: Witch of Blackbird Pond, Ch. 15 and 16**

Directions: Read chapter 15 and 16, then answer the questions below in detail using complete sentences.

**Ch. 15**

1. How do Matthew Wood and William Ashby feel about the arrival of Sir Edmond Andros, an English Royalist? **Be specific using textual evidence to support your answer.**
2. How does Aunt Rachel and Judith feel about this new change in government? **Be specific using textual evidence to support your answer.**
3. Why was it important that the charter be hidden? **Explain.**
4. Why is it surprising to Kit that Matthew Wood and William Ashby feel the same about the change in government? Why is Judith not surprised?

**Ch. 16**

1. Why has Thanksgiving been canceled in Wethersfield? **Be specific using textual evidence to support your answer.**
2. Describe the prank that happened on All Saint’s Day. Who did it? What was the punishment for it? **Be specific using textual evidence to support your answer**.
3. Why is Kit so upset about the punishment? Where does she go instead of to the Meeting House?
4. What is Hannah’s advice regarding William Ashby? **Be specific using textual evidence to support your answer.**
5. What is the present Kit gives to Prudence? **Be specific using textual evidence to support your answer.**

“Kit would remember many times the picture she carried with her along the darkening road. Was there some premonition she would wonder that made that moment so poignant, some foreknowledge that this was the last afternoon the three would ever spend together in the small cottage?...” (Witch of Blackbird Pond)

1. What is the meaning of the word “poignant” in the passage above?
2. What type of figurative language is being used in the passage above? Explain its significance.
3. What do you think will happen next?