***The Witch of Blackbird Pond* Study Guide**

**Setting:**

1. Analyze the impact of the setting on the story’s conflict.
2. Describe the role of “community” within this New England colony.

**Characterization:**

1. Describe Kit, as well as two other characters, in terms of STEAL (speech, thoughts, effect on other characters, actions, looks).
2. Discuss whether Kit is a static or dynamic character.
3. Discuss the significant changes one other character made throughout the novel. Explain how the development of this character impacted the plot (conflict, theme, etc.)

**Conflict:**

1. Discuss one example of conflict experienced by one of the characters, which led to a dynamic change, then having an impact on the theme.
2. Describe an internal conflict Kit experienced, which led to a dynamic change in her character.

**Background/Culture:**

1. Research and explain the impact religion has had on politics in colonial New England.
2. Research and explain the role of women in colonial New England.
3. Research and explain other examples of prejudice, which are based in religious differences.

**Theme:**

1. Explain one theme you have derived from this novel. Support your claim with textual evidence (at least two passages).
2. Make a connection (text to self, text to world and/or text to text) to this universal lesson.

**Vocabulary:**

Tedious

Wistful

Indifferent

Deliberation

Shrewd

Indignation

Monotonous

Auspiciously

Reverent

Defiant

Conspicuous

Reluctant

Menial

Precarious

Hastily

Indignant

Idle

Incredulously