**Analisi del testo Capitolo 5, pag. 140 e 141**

The intention of the chapter is to make the reader understand that Ethan and Mattie's feelings were considered inappropriate for a Puritan society, where the role of man was to have a stable and profitable job, but above all he had to be loyal to his wife. You notice the game of glances between the two, they wanted to touch themselves but they were embarrassed.

About the narrative tecnique, there are a detailed description of the situation and charter’s feelings. There are a lot of nouns about senses (in particular tact and view), for example with nouns: glance, hand, lips. The only dialogue is when Mattie and Ethan said “Good night” each others. They were very silent, maybe because they were embarrassed. Mattie then moved the pots of geraanites leaning against the window by removing them from the cold, and this is symbolic, representing the fact that Ethan's mood is warmed by his presence.

The place is Ethan's house. The atmosphere is warm, because it emphasizes that the fire was on. The fire can also represent the passion between Ethan and Mattie and therefore it is not only a heat at the level of temperature but also on the emotional level. They lit the candle and blew out the lamp and that means that the day ended and the night came.

Zenobia was absent. Ethan was glad to be able to spend time alone with Mattie. Ethan felt himself understood with Mattie. All his life he had not been able to take positions, he had been submitted by society, he was insecure. It is very noticeable the language of her body, the fact that she looked at her and kissed the bit of stuff she held in her hand. After saying goodnight to Mattie, she was sorry for not touching her hands. He probably liked it when he worked knitting because he reminded her of his mother. In fact he had married Zenobia, his wife, because after his mother's death he feared loneliness. Mattie therefore reminded him also of a person that Ethan loved, but who at that moment was dead. Besides the fact that with Mattie he had much more empathy than with his wife. Zenobia wasn’t actractive, she seemed older than her age, she was very different from Mattie. Zenobia and Mattie were opposit characters. Mattie sensed the signs of Ethan's body, and she noticed that she was also attracted to him. She tried to do the last housework of the evening, probably because she wanted to show him that she could be a good woman at home. Though he was very sleepy, he did the same housework, and then went to sleep. Ethan was sick because he wanted to spend more time in his company, he wanted the evening to end in a different way.