

What Is A Choice: Life Lessons Learned From Moby Dick and The Scarlet Letter

In life, we face dilemma and need to make choices. Sometimes, we find we are desperate about making a choice because we are confused about where we are. Sometimes, we realize we don't have an option at all. What does a choice mean to us? Why and how do we get to the position we are currently in? Driven by these questions, in this research project, I am going to explore the issue of choice in Herman Melville's Moby Dick and Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter. By doing so, I hope to deepen the understanding of the nature of choice and to appreciate the value of humanity. The decision-making process of novels' main characters Captain Ahab and Hester Prynne will be carefully analyzed in order to understand the various factors and forces that involve in making a sound choice.