

Chapter XXIX: Miles Coverdale's Confession
The Blithedale Romance

Is Coverdale's confession a surprise? Why or why not?

In this chapter, he speaks of the willingness to sacrifice himself, "provided, however, the effort did not involve an unreasonable amount of trouble." This is a line that recurs in the course of the novel. How did the events affect Coverdale? Is he a changed man, or does this line signify how little he has changed?