Blithedale Romance - Westervelt. Paper details Your final project will be a literary research paper on The Blithedale Romance. Along with Melville, Hawthorne is perhaps one of the most celebrated writers of the antebellum period and was quite popular, having published five novels and numerous short story collections. Not surprisingly, his work has garnered a large body of criticism over the years. For Writing Project #3 develop an original argument to answer one of the questions presented below. Use the Beacon search engine on the Del Mar College libraries website to locate peer-reviewed scholarly sources that can help you develop your argument. How does your understanding of the novel differ from that of other critics? How would those critics likely respond to the same question? 2. What is Westervelt's place in all this? Do an analysis of the character of Westervelt. If Westervelt literally means "western world," then how does his character reflect on the people in the book and Hawthorne's view of society?