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The Scarlet Letter Summer Assignment   AP English Language, S. Thompson

Students

- This novel uses archaic language, but once you get accustomed to the language you will see the beauty of the story as well as the language. Have a dictionary handy. You may skip the introduction "The Custom House."
- Your summer assignment will be graded for content, sentence formation, style, usage, and mechanics.
- The summer assignment is a test grade. Failure to complete the summer assignment will severely damage your 1st 9 weeks grade.
- Create a cover page for your summer assignment. The cover page should include the following: your name, assignment name, my name, class name, and the date.
- Make sure each section of the summer assignment is separate and identifiable.
- If I find that you have been a participant in any plagiarism activity, you will receive a zero.
- If you use outside help for analyzing, you must document your sources.
- Submit your summer assignment to "AP Summer Assignment" in Google Classroom. The code is as follows: hsympz.

* Your summer assignment is due the first day of school. To ensure success, please follow the steps and directions below.

1. Read The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne. *Copies are available for checkout in Mrs. S. Thompson's classroom.* A comprehensive novel exam will be given the first day we have a regular schedule of classes.

2. Complete your Reading Log using a word processor. Use Calibri 11. Single-space **within** each entry, and double-space **between** each entry. Complete 9 journal entries. Label each entry (Journal Entry 1: Chapters 1-2, etc.) and respond to each novel question using commentary and analysis. Each response must be a minimum of 50 words. Do NOT retype the novel questions.

      Journal Entry 1: Chapters 1-2
      What is the narrator's attitude toward the Puritans? What is his attitude toward Hester?

      Journal Entry 2: Chapters 3-4
      How does the narrator present Chillingworth to the reader?

      Journal Entry 3: Chapters 5-6
      What is the effect of the scarlet letter upon Hester? Describe Pearl's character.

      Journal Entry 4: Chapters 7-8
      Explain Hester's argument concerning her rights to Pearl.

      Journal Entry 5: Chapters 9-12
      What is Chillingworth's project? What is Dimmesdale's inner struggle, and how does it affect him?

Journal Entry 6: Chapters 13-15
In what different ways can the scarlet letter be interpreted? What do these different ways reveal about Hester's view of herself and her role in Puritan society?

Journal Entry 7: Chapters 16-19
Explain the kind of love Hester and Dimmesdale have for each other. What prevents them from acting upon this love?

Journal Entry 8: Chapters 20-22
Why does Dimmesdale finally announce his guilt? How does he do so – what type of language does he use, who does he address, and why?

Journal Entry 9: Chapters 23-24
What is Hester's role in society? What is her view of the role?

3. Reflection Letter Section of the Reading Log
Complete a 2 page double-spaced reflection letter that answers the following question: What did I learn while exploring *The Scarlet Letter*? This question can embody a variety of learning experiences. There is no right or wrong answer as long as you support your opinion with descriptive language about your experience. This letter should be viewed as a self-reflection in which you consider the writing, reading, and thinking you have done this summer. Here are some topics to consider when composing your letter:
- What did you learn about the use of literary elements in writing?
- What did you learn about the human experience or the way society has evolved?
- What did you learn about your own reading/writing habits?
- How did you grow as a reader/writer?
- Anything else you can think to discuss in your letter. This is your personal reflection. The ultimate question presented at the beginning of this assignment is deliberately meant to be open-ended so that each student can form his/her response to meet his/her own needs.

Letter Format:

Date -- Month spelled out, date and year (Example: August 19, 2013)

Dear Mrs. Thompson,

Body of the letter in paragraph form in which you answer the question, "What did I learn while exploring *The Scarlet Letter*?"

Formal closing followed by a comma -- (Example: Sincerely,)
Your name