

# THE SCARLET LETTER<sup>11H</sup>

**GRADE VALUE:** Test Grade

## RATIONALE

The purpose of this essay is to demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:

- Understanding of a thesis and basic conventions of essay writing
- Comprehension and analytical skills of Pre-20<sup>th</sup> Century text without relying on outside sources
- Ability to differentiate between analysis and summary
- Following instructions (formatting, length, etc.)

## TASK

Write a literary analysis essay in which you explore one or two themes in *The Scarlet Letter*.

## REQUIRED ELEMENTS

- Include at least 2 quotes from *The Scarlet Letter*
  - No other sources are required, but if you use them, cite them properly
  - No quote dumping. Quotes should be introduced and explain in a way that flows.
- Include at least 2 symbols and/or motifs as support/evidence
  - Use your class notes for explanations and page numbers of symbols and motifs
- Formal academic tone (use third person, avoid contractions, slang, and informal diction)
- ***Include word count at the end of the essay. 450 word min. (does NOT include heading)***

## ORGANIZATION

- Structure your essay so that your analysis of theme(s) is the primary focus. When including quotes, symbols, or motifs, they should be secondary pieces that support your analysis of theme. In other words, the theme is the driver, and the quotes/symbols/motifs are passengers.

## FORMAT

- MLA (typed, Times New Roman 12pt font, heading, margins, citations, etc.)

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- Submit your paper online to turnitin.com by 8:00am on the due date.
  - Class ID: 15496784
  - Enrollment Password: frankenstein
- You will also turn in a hard copy to Mrs. Lee at the beginning of class on the due date.

**DUE DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

## **THEMES**

- Corruption of Sin and Evil
- Effects of Guilt and Shame
- Public vs. Private Lives
- Judgement, Punishment, and Hypocrisy
- Isolation
- Gender
- Nature

## **SYMBOLS**

- Scarlet Letter
- Forest
- Market-place
- Colors (black, red)

## **MOTIFS**

- Letter A
- Scaffold
- Reflections