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## Welcome to American Literature CP

Your summer reading is an essential component to start the year right. The book listed below was selected to best prepare you for success in your American Literature class.

Please read the following book over the summer:  
*The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

### Summer Reading Grades:

When you return in the fall I will check the questions you have completed for *The Scarlet Letter* on the first or second day of class.

**DO NOT take the answers from on-line; you will receive a ZERO if you are suspected of plagiarizing.**

**You will be tested on the novel within the first marking. I realize that the summer reading texts can be easily obtained online and that you could complete the work without reading the book. But you will be given an essay prompt in September that will be impossible to complete unless you have actually read the text. Please do not attempt to write an essay on a book you haven't read-it will not go well.**

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE SUMMER READING WILL AFFECT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARKING PERIOD GRADE, AS THIS IS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE GRADED AS A TEST GRADE.**

Good Luck, and remember it's never too early to start your summer reading!

SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS -  
**The Scarlet Letter**

**In order to receive full credit you must answer each question thoroughly and in complete sentences.**

**Chapters 1-4**

1. Identify Hester Prynne, Pearl, Rev. Mr. Dimmesdale and Roger Chillingworth.
2. What emblem did Hester have to wear? Why was she sentenced to wear it?
3. What information did Hester refuse to tell the officials and Mr. Dimmesdale?
4. What was the relationship between Hester and Roger Chillingworth?
5. What did Hester promise to Roger Chillingworth?
6. Write Reflection

**Chapters 5-7**

1. Hester is released from prison. Why doesn't she run away to a different settlement?
2. How did Hester support herself and Pearl?
3. Describe Pearl.
4. Describe Hester's feelings towards Pearl.
5. Why did Hester go to see Governor Bellingham?
6. What did Hester and Pearl see in the breastplate of the armor? What is the significance of the exaggeration?
7. Write Reflection

**Chapters 8-10**

1. Mr. Wilson asks Pearl, "Canst thou tell me, my child, who made thee?" What is Pearl's answer? Why did she say that?
2. What convinced the Governor to let Hester keep Pearl?
3. How did Roger Chillingworth become Dimmesdale's medical advisor?
4. Who is the leech? Why is he called that in the title of the chapter?
5. Why did Mr. Dimmesdale rush from the room to end the conversation he had with Roger Chillingworth?

**Chapters 11-13**

1. What does Rev. Dimmesdale's congregation think of him? Why is that ironic?
2. Where did Mr. Dimmesdale go at midnight? Why?
3. What did Pearl ask Mr. Dimmesdale?
4. What "sign" did the meteor make in the sky?
5. Where had Mr. Wilson, Hester, Pearl and Roger Chillingworth been that night, that they would all be walking by the scaffolding at midnight?
6. What was the other view of Hester?

### **Chapters 14-17**

1. What did Hester tell Roger Chillingworth when they met on the peninsula?
2. Why do Hester and Pearl go to the forest?
3. When Mr. Dimmesdale finds out that Roger Chillingworth is out for revenge, he knows his religious career in Boston will be at an end and his life will be miserable. What does Hester suggest?

### **Chapters 18-21**

1. What did Hester have to do by the brook before Pearl would come across?
2. Mr. Dimmesdale kissed Pearl. What did she do in response?
3. How did Rev. Mr. Dimmesdale's attitude change after he decided to leave Boston with Hester?

### **Chapters 22-24**

1. What shocking news did the commander of the Bristol ship bring Hester?
2. What did Mr. Dimmesdale tell the people of New England before he died?
3. What did the people see when Mr. Dimmesdale took off his ministerial band?
4. What happens to Hester, Pearl and Roger Chillingworth?