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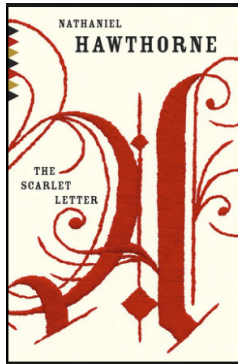
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

American Literature and Composition

Summer Assignments

Academic Year - 2023-2024

Course Information



Department: English

Class Description:

Materials Required: *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

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Summer Assignment

Learning objectives

- Our goal is for the HSP student to be introduced to a wide breadth of classical and contemporary books both in the classroom and over the summer. In addition, we hope to foster a habit of and love for reading and with that goal in mind, we hope to provide students an opportunity to explore additional literature that they may not be exposed to otherwise. Please read the following pages for information about the titles and assignments, and feel free to contact the school with any questions or concerns.

Estimate time of completion

- 3-4 days



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Details of Assignment

As you read *The Scarlet Letter* annotate the text. Annotations will help you keep track of important events and keep you engaged in reading.

A **symbol** is an object, action, or event that represents something or that creates a range of associations beyond itself. In literary works, a symbol can express an idea, clarify meaning, or enlarge literal meaning.

As you read *The Scarlet Letter*, make note of Hawthorne's use of symbols. Focus on one symbol used throughout the novel, then write an essay analyzing how that symbol functions in the work and what it reveals about the characters or themes of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

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