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Week 1 Assignment Sheet
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Unless specifically stated, no outside resources (Web sites, books, magazines, etc.) should be consulted to complete weekly homework assignments. *In other words, don't just Google the answer.* All assignments, unless otherwise noted, should be completed in MLA format.

Literature

- Read "The Minister's Black Veil" by Nathaniel Hawthorne. As you read, mark any unfamiliar words and find their definitions.

Writing

- Answer the following questions. Use the RACE format.
 1. What change did Mr. Hooper make that caused consternation in his congregation? There were several different speculations and reactions among the parishioners. What were some (at least 2) of these speculations and reactions?
 2. On the day when Mr. Hooper made this change, Hawthorne reveals the topic of the pastor's sermon: It "had reference to secret sin, and those sad mysteries which we hide from our nearest and dearest." Why do you think the parishioners were unanimously moved by this sermon?
 3. Elizabeth, Mr. Hooper's betrothed, demands to know why he insists on wearing the veil. What does he tell her, and what is her reaction? Do you think she should have broken off their engagement? Why or why not?
 4. What did Father Hooper intend the black veil to symbolize, and how did he want his parishioners to understand the black veil?
 5. Read I John 1:8 – 10. What is the value of removing our "veil" with those whom we are in fellowship?

Jr./Sr. Assignment

- Has there been a time in your life when you felt so ashamed of something you have done that you wanted to hide or pretend you are someone who are not? (You do not have to reveal the source of your shame!) Did you wear a veil or a mask that helped alleviate this shame for periods of time, and how did this help or not help? Was there anything that helped you relieve these shameful feelings permanently? Answer these questions in one to two well-developed paragraphs.

Honors

- Answer the following question in one well-developed paragraph. Father Hooper's intentions for the black veil were good. Despite his good intentions, what was the ultimate effect the black veil had on Father Hooper and his parishioners? Was it a positive one or a negative one? Explain your answer. Be sure to indicate his intentions in your answer.

Grammar

- Review the MLA handout you received in class. Be sure to use this essay example handout to complete your homework using MLA format. Also remember to answer each question using the RACE method that we discussed in class.

Vocabulary

- Record words you are unfamiliar with from *The Ministers Black Veil*. Write the word and its definition in your vocabulary journal.

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