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Week 3 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 chapters 5-7 in *The Scarlet Letter*. In the margins, express your perspective on the meaning and significance of the symbols used in the novel. Some symbols include: Pearl's name, Pearl's clothing, the golden embroidery on the letter "A," darkness/black, the roses, the brook, the forest, meteors, the marketplace.
** Prepare for a Chapter 1-7 QUIZ next week. ***

Writing

- Write in complete sentences, 12 font, double-spaced, Times New Roman. Be sure that ALL of your answers include documented evidence from the text, with page number.
 1. In the last paragraphs of Chapter 5, Hester is horrified and fights against an impression she continually feels. What is this impression? Read 1 John 1:8-10. How does this apply to the feeling that Hester sometimes gets?
 2. Imagery is used by authors to create impressions or associations in our minds between the descriptive word and the character or item described. In Chapter 7, what colors does Hawthorne use to describe Pearl? What impression does this give you?
 3. Describe Pearl. What is appealing about her and what disturbs her mother? Why does Hester hesitate to discipline Pearl? For Hester, what fears does the child represent? What does Pearl's name symbolize? Explain your answer.

Jr./Sr. Assignment

- Many of the people Hester deals with treat her with "quiet malice," insults, and repugnance. Why are they doing this and what are they saying about themselves and Hester? Read Matthew 7:1-5 and Romans 2:1-3. In light of these verses, what is the danger of judging the way Hester is being judged? Answer in one or two well-developed paragraphs.

Honors

- Write a well-developed paragraph:

In Chapter 5, much is made of Hester's penitent lifestyle: she remains where her sin is known, she keeps the "A" in plain view, she does charity work, etc. By "earthly punishment," "the torture of her daily shame," she seems to be seeking martyrdom. Read Philippians 3:13, 14; Isaiah 43:18, 19; Ephesians 2:8, 9; and Galatians 3:2, 3. What do these verses say about Hester's and her town's attitude about continual shame and penance? Will these things cleanse her?

Grammar

- Run-On Sentences: Review section 14 (p.83-84) in *your Handbook of Grammar and Composition*. Once you feel comfortable that you know the material, complete workbook p. 5, Exercise 8 and 9. Bring to class.

Vocabulary

- Study vocabulary for chapters 5-7 of *The Scarlet Letter*. Bring your flashcards to class if you have chosen to complete them.

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Parents: Please read and sign. I have looked over my student's work and it is complete to my satisfaction.

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