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Week 4 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 Scarlet Letter* chapters 8-11. Continue paying close attention to symbols. Circle any vocabulary words that are new to you.

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. (Juniors and seniors: complete only the starred questions AND the Jr/Sr assignment.)

*1. Hawthorne sets up various contrasting situations or descriptions of Dimmesdale and Chillingworth, characterizing Dimmesdale as a man of light (godly) and Chillingworth as a man of darkness (demonic). Describe three of these situations in the book.

2. What does the scene with Mistress Hibbins at the end of Chapter 8 reveal to us about Hester?

3. How do people view Roger Chillingworth at the start of Chapter 9? How do people view him at the end of the chapter? What are some of the descriptive words Hawthorne uses to communicate this change?

*4. Personification is the technique of giving human attributes to material things. Chillingworth does the very opposite to Dimmesdale, totally stripping Dimmesdale of his human qualities. List some phrases Hawthorne uses to demonstrate this.

Jr./Sr. Assignment

- Answer in a well-developed paragraph.

Read Hebrews 2:18; 4:15, 16. What character from *The Scarlet Letter* is similar to the attributes described in these verses? Quote a passage from the novel demonstrating this similarity and explain the similarity. In what very important way are the two people described in the book and in these verses opposites?

Honors

- Write a well-developed paragraph:

Near the middle of Chapter 10, Chillingworth and Dimmesdale discuss the worth of confession of sins, possibly public confession. Describe in a few sentences the argument of each, specifically in paragraphs beginning: "True, there are such men," and "These men deceive themselves." Read James 5:16. Whose argument do you support and why? Is this verse discussing public or private confession, and how does the verse apply to the argument?

Grammar

- Study for a quiz next week over sentences, fragments, run-ons, and comma splices. Review p.83-84, section 13 and 14 in your *Handbook of Grammar and Composition* to study.

Vocabulary

- Review *The Scarlet Letter* vocabulary for chapters 5-11. Bring your hand-written 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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