The Scarlet Letter Journals

**\*\*\*ALL quotes must have page numbers\*\*\***

1. **Questions**

You will be given 5-10 questions to answer. Each question should have a minimum of 7-10 sentences for the answer and be supported **by specific details** from the novel. Use direct quotes from the novel as support.

1. **Characters**

Keep track of the **FOUR main characters** and note **CHARACTERIZATION** of these characters. Find a **quote** that shows characterization or motivation for the character’s actions. Look for specific words/descriptions/short passages that give a “picture” of each character (look for either a physical description or personality attributes). Remember that authors **characterize** in several ways (not just dialogue)

* + 1. narration
		2. other character’s thoughts of this person
		3. words the character himself says.

**EXPLAIN** each quote. The explanation must include the context of the quote (what is happening) and how/why the quote **CHARACTERIZES** this character. This **paragraph** explanation MUST be a minimum of 5 sentences!

1. **Major Themes, motifs**

A theme is a general concept or idea, such as love, sorrow, or justice. For each section, find a theme and **create a statement** for it. For example, “love conquers all” or “Secrets can eat away at the soul.”We usually discuss themes in length in our discussion sessions, so you will just have to pick one or two and explain why it’s a good theme for this section of the novel. **\*\*use quote(s) to support your theme statement.**

1. **Quotes:**

Choose three (3) quotes per SECTION that hold some significance. Remember that a quote does not have to be dialogue; you may choose a piece of narrative as a quote from the text. Label the speaker or narration with the page number. EXPLAIN why this quote stands out. Analyze the impact of the author’s choice in developing the story – Why was this quote significant? Why was this quote important in connection to the rest of the story?

1. **Literary Skill:**

Look for **three** examples of the author’s use of literary technique, such as a repetitious symbol, personification, irony, metaphor, simile, allusion or another type of figurative language. Then explain how the author uses the literary term. Three per section needed. Again, make sure you include the quote (and page number).

**Scarlet Letter Journals by section**

Journal 1 – (Chapters 1-5)

Journal 2 – (Chapter 6-10)

Journal 3 – (Chapter 11-15)

Journal 4 – (Chapter 16-20)

Journal 5 – (Chapter 21-24)