

## *The Scarlet Letter* Analysis

**Directions:** Over the course of the year we have used class discussion to help practice analytical writing skills – identifying valuable passages, determining patterns, analyzing phrases and devices, and writing ideas in a concise way. Using these skills, you will analyze *The Scarlet Letter*.

Step 1: Identify a topic (you can pick from the list below or select your own)

- Pearl
- Nature
- Religion
- Physical Descriptions
- Punishment
- The Letter

Step 2: Identify at least 15 quotes that pertain to your topic (quotes should span the length of the book - try to avoid focusing on quotes only from one part of the text)

Step 3: Select the 4 strongest quotes that create a pattern

Step 4: Thoroughly analyze the quotes (devices, structure, phrases, etc.)

Step 5: Draft a thesis statement from your analysis (insightful, unique, concise claim). Your claim should examine a belief of the author or time period

Step 6: Write a topic sentence for each example

Step 7: Write a bullet point analysis of each quote

Step 8: Create a presentation that creatively engages with your thesis/topic