

Scarlet Letter Rubric

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Introduction & Conclusion 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - interesting, sophisticated opening that smoothly transitions into context - thorough, necessary, relevant historical or plot context - successfully sums up the major points of the essay - providing reflection that shows a high degree of critical thinking on the topic <p style="text-align: center;">5 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - interesting opening that relates to context in rest of introduction - adequate amount of historical and plot context given for the thesis - effectively sums up the major points of the essay - providing reflection that shows purposeful and clear critical thinking on the topic. <p style="text-align: center;">4 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - opening introduces general topic but lacks interesting elements - general historical or plot context for thesis - adequately sums up the major points of the essay, but may rush through important details - shows some reflection on the topic, but may lack or clarity <p style="text-align: center;">3 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - confusing opening that doesn't relate to context - little to no historical or plot context given for the thesis - does not sum up the major points of the essay - provides incoherent or illogical reflections on the topic <p style="text-align: center;">2 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introduction is incomprehensible or utterly fails to present the background and context for the thesis - utterly ineffective in providing any kind of logical or coherent summary or reflection on the topic <p style="text-align: center;">0-1 Point</p>
Thesis 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sophisticated sentence structure - insightful, analytical argument - clearly outlines structure of essay - smooth transition into last sentence in introduction <p style="text-align: center;">5 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - somewhat sophisticated sentence structure - analytical argument lacking specificity - outlines structure of essay - transition into last sentence in introduction <p style="text-align: center;">4 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - simplistic sentence structure - cliché, analytical argument - shows some direction in outlining essay - missing transition into last sentence in introduction <p style="text-align: center;">3 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - overly simplistic sentence structure - unclear, cliché argument - outlines part of essay structure - misplaced thesis, toward end of introduction <p style="text-align: center;">2 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - overly simplistic sentence structure that detracts from argument - illogical or missing argument - fails to outline structure of essay - placed in beginning of introduction <p style="text-align: center;">0-1 Point</p>
Organization & Transitions 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clearly developed structure where paragraphs build off of one another - effective, sophisticated topic sentences that show argument development - sophisticated transitional techniques <p style="text-align: center;">5 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - developed structure where paragraphs start to build off of one another - clear topic sentences that relate back to thesis but don't clearly build off of preceding paragraphs - smooth transitions <p style="text-align: center;">4 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - structure is unclear at times and doesn't focus on building off of preceding paragraphs - topic sentences have a clear topic but lack connection to thesis or preceding paragraphs - minor errors with transitions <p style="text-align: center;">3 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - disorganization of ideas makes argument difficult to understand at times - topic sentence lacks clear topic and connection to thesis - serious errors with transitions, missing at times <p style="text-align: center;">2 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - disorganized ideas make argument illogical - topic sentences are missing - missing transitions <p style="text-align: center;">0-1 Point</p>
Analysis 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - accurate, insightful, and thorough analysis of novel - analysis clearly and thoroughly develops a single argument/position <p style="text-align: center;">9-10 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - somewhat accurate and insightful analysis of novel - analysis clearly develops a single argument/position <p style="text-align: center;">7 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - analysis of novel present but with minor inaccuracies or lacking development - analysis relates to a single argument/position but doesn't clearly develop it <p style="text-align: center;">5-6 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - analysis of novel is partial, with major inaccuracies, and doesn't development argument - analysis somewhat relates to a single argument/position <p style="text-align: center;">4 Points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - irrelevant, inaccurate, or missing analysis of novel - analysis fails to relate to a single argument/position <p style="text-align: center;">0-3 Points</p>
Mechanics -5 points	Nearly flawless grammar and mechanics; 1-2 errors. <p style="text-align: center;">-0 Points</p>	Spell-checked, proofread, 3-4 errors total. <p style="text-align: center;">-1 Point</p>	Spell-checked, proofread, 5-6 errors including usage. <p style="text-align: center;">-2 Points</p>	Spell-checked, proofread, 7-8 minor and some major errors. Errors impact ability to read and understand writing. <p style="text-align: center;">-3 Points</p>	Spell-checked, 9+ minor and some major errors. Errors make writing incomprehensible at points <p style="text-align: center;">-4,-5 Points</p>

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Total Points: _____ /25