

Scarlet Letter Scavenger Hunt

Directions: Find the best quote to prove each claim about *The Scarlet Letter*. When possible, list 2 quotes. Remember: there can be multiple interpretations of a text, even conflicting interpretations of a text, but today you are focusing on just one interpretation of themes in each of the prompts – these prompts do not necessarily mean that other interpretations don't exist. Please make sure that you provide ample, specific, directly-related support.

1. Hawthorne criticizes the hypocrisy of Puritans.
2. Hawthorne shows how the guilt of a sin is more destructive than the repercussions for the sin itself.
3. Hawthorne questions the Puritan's punishment and treatment of Hester.
4. Hawthorne shows the power of religious leaders in Puritan society.
5. Hawthorne depicts the conflict between natural law and civil law (created by man).
6. Hawthorne exposes the individual's reliance on society, emphasizing the necessity of self-reliance.