

The Scarlet Letter final activity

INSTRUCTIONS: Read all of the following prompts. Review your notes from recent class discussions, and decide which prompt you can answer best. Prepare your answer by writing a claim (That's your answer to the question.) and finding evidence from the novel. You should use evidence from the passage we covered in class and AT LEAST ONE OTHER PASSAGE from another place in the novel. Also, think about the commentary you'll include in your essay to explain why each piece of evidence is important.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR ESSAY AHEAD OF TIME, but you may prepare notes now:

- write your CLAIM (which will probably be a theme statement for that motif);
- find your EVIDENCE and mark passages in your copy of the novel;
- use sticky notes to record your COMMENTARY about that evidence.

Happy Planning!

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE!

OUTCAST:

To be happy, people will strive for acceptance from their peers and society. Describe how this happens for two different characters in the novel, and explain whether it is a positive phenomenon or a negative one.

FOREST:

Hester finds herself ostracized in the forest. Explain how this wild place, usually associated with danger and death, becomes a source of comfort and peace for her, even a place where she can come to find redemption.

LIGHT:

Light reveals the truth by showing us things from a different perspective. Decide whether you agree or disagree with this statement and write that belief as a claim or theme statement. (If you agree, just use the theme statement underlined above.) Then prove your claim with at least two different pieces of evidence from the novel.

APPEARANCE v. REALITY:

Reality will not remain hidden. Decide whether you agree or disagree with this statement and write that belief as a claim or theme statement. (If you agree, just use the theme statement underlined above.) Then prove your claim with at least two different pieces of evidence from the novel.

PUNISHMENT and REDEMPTION:

A truly heroic character will take the punishment and turn it into her redemption. Decide whether you agree or disagree with this statement and write that belief as a claim or theme statement. (If you agree, just use the theme statement underlined above.) Then prove your claim with evidence from the struggles of at least two different characters.