

## Using Modifiers to Provide Detail (*Scarlet Letter*)

1. Start by choosing a topic from *The Scarlet Letter*. You might choose a character, a Level 3 topic, or a motif. It must be something related to the novel. The following is a list of options, but you might think of something that is not on this list:

faith	persecution	time of day	accusations
adultery	color	judgment	conformity and rules
Hester	Pearl	Chillingworth	Dimmesdale
2. Write a sentence using only an article (a, an, or the), a noun, an action verb, and the object of the verb.  
EXAMPLE: The hornet stung me.
3. Write the same sentence, but add at least one adjective and at least one adverb.  
EXAMPLE: The angry hornet stung me repeatedly.
4. Write the same sentence as above, but add two prepositional phrases to it.  
EXAMPLE: The angry hornet with the bright yellow markings stung me repeatedly on the leg.
5. Write the same sentence as above, but add at least one participial phrase.  
EXAMPLE: Buzzing furiously, the angry hornet with the bright yellow markings stung me repeatedly on the leg.
6. Write the same sentence as above, but add at least one appositive phrase.  
EXAMPLE: Buzzing furiously, the angry hornet with the bright yellow markings stung me, an innocent bystander, on the leg repeatedly.
7. Write the same sentence as above, but add at least one infinitive phrase.  
EXAMPLE: Buzzing furiously and mad enough to fight a giant, the angry hornet with the bright yellow markings stung me, an innocent bystander, on the leg repeatedly.
8. Do steps 1-7 a second time, choosing a new topic from *The Scarlet Letter*. Then proceed to step 9.
9. Choose a new topic from *The Scarlet Letter*.
10. For your new topic, write a new sentence in the following pattern: S – LV – PA or PN.  
EXAMPLE: Prejudice is pervasive.
11. Write the same sentence, but add a prepositional phrase to the beginning or the end of the sentence.  
EXAMPLE: Prejudice is pervasive in our society.
12. Write the same sentence, but add at least one adjective and at least one adverb.  
EXAMPLE: Unfortunately, prejudice is pervasive in our troubled society.
13. Write the same sentence as above, but add at least one appositive phrase  
EXAMPLE: Unfortunately, prejudice, the fear of the unknown, is pervasive in our troubled society.