

Providence Extension Program | Core C American Literature
Q1 W8 Weekly Assignment Guide (10/12, 10/14)

WOW: Word(s) Of the Week

misanthropy

noun | mis•an•thro•py (miss-ann-thro-pea)

hatred or distrust of humankind

Due to abuse by past owners, the poor dog was filled with *misanthropy*.

precocious

adjective | pre•co•cious (pre-ko-shus)

exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age

At three, Pearl certainly appeared to be quite *precocious*.

Due Tuesday 10/12:

- **Read and annotate** *The Scarlet Letter* ch. 21 – 24
- Start preparing for TSL Socratic Seminar (see below)

Due Thursday 10/14:

- **Preparation Work for Socratic Seminar**—Answer the Socratic Seminar questions below. Your document should include each numbered question, with answers in complete sentences using textual support (including page #). Your evidence will not necessarily be a quote, but must be adequately summarized or paraphrased with citation. **You must have specific, detailed answers with textual support to receive full credit, and you must answer all parts of the question. You will turn this document in after the Socratic Seminar.**

Questions: (*Note these are NOT short answer questions that you can quickly turn to a page in the book to copy a quote in answer. Each requires careful thought and the time necessary to draw appropriate conclusions from the material. Your answers must reflect such effort*)

1. In what way do the Puritan characters (or Puritan society) exemplify hypocrisy? Choose a character and show how that character displays hypocrisy, with examples from the text.
 2. Each of the three main adult characters has a different kind of guilt, and each handles his or her guilt differently. Choose one and discuss.
 3. What role does light vs. dark play in the novel?
 4. How are revenge and forgiveness displayed in the novel?
 5. Is *The Scarlet Letter* still relevant today, or is it tied to a specific time or place? Do its lessons still apply today?
 6. Consider the major symbols of the novel. How do these symbols tie together the novel's plot and the themes?
- **Be prepared for in-class TSL Socratic Seminar**
 - **TSL essay Thesis:** In an MLA-formatted document, write a workable thesis for the upcoming Scarlet Letter Literary Analysis Essay. See "TSL Lit Analysis" and "Thesis Workshop" documents on Weebly for more information).

End of Quarter 1—The Quarter 2 Pacing Guide will be posted on Weebly during Week 8. Be sure to download it and refer to the Quarter 2 page for future Weekly Assignment Guides.

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