

Summer Work for American Studies (English)

Read *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Be prepared to discuss and write about this novel in class when you return to school. You may find this book on your own or use the attached link for access. Answer the following questions in complete sentences and with textual support.

Take notes on the following: (Write your notes on notebook paper or in your English notebook for this class).

1. Describe the Puritan town as Hawthorne develops it in his novel. Why is this important?
2. Discuss Hawthorne's characterization of major characters: Hester, Pearl, Chillingworth, Dimmesdale.
3. Discuss the role of the scaffold as it relates to plot and theme.
4. Discuss the role of the forest.
5. Discuss the allegorical aspects of "The Scarlet Letter." Link for *The Scarlet Letter*:
https://www.pagebypagebooks.com/Nathaniel_Hawthorne/The_Scarlet_Letter/