American Lit/Essay 1 and 2
Week Two

**Vocabulary** - from your Scarlet Letter reading this week, choose 5 unfamiliar words and use them as your vocabulary words. Define word, list part of speech, and use accurately in a sentence. Use notebook paper or type.

**DAY ONE**
Review your class notes from the Era of Change lecture.
Narrate to a parent about the lecture.
Preview the Study Guide questions for The Scarlet Letter chapters 1-4. They are at tabbnet.com/amlit. Week Two
Read Chapter 3 (The Recognition) and 4 (The Interview) of The Scarlet Letter.
Takes notes in your book as you read, keeping in mind the study guide questions.
*Journal (also called free-writing) about Chapter 3 and 4. Your first essay (not due for another 3 weeks or so) will focus on your likes and dislikes of a piece of literature and your second essay will focus on the characters. In every journal entry, therefore, you might want to begin thinking about and writing about what you like/dislike and the characters. Today, some areas to focus on might include: the character of Chillingworth and what your impression is of him, Reverend Wilson’s sermon on sin, the scene at the scaffold and any thoughts you had as you read that portion of the chapter. The meeting which takes place between Hester and Chillingworth in the jail.

**DAY TWO**
*Answer the Analysis and Dig Deeper questions from the Study Guide for chapters 1-4 of The Scarlet Letter.
Preview the Study Guide questions for chapter 5-7 of The Scarlet Letter.
Read Chapter 5 of The Scarlet Letter.
*Journal (free-write) about Chapter 5. You might focus on where Hester decides to live, what it looks like, what type of feeling it conveys to you, what you like or dislike about her choice, what it says to you about her character.

**DAY THREE**
Read: Chapter 6 and 7 of The Scarlet Letter.
*Journal about Chapter 6 and 7. You might choose to focus on your thoughts of Pearl and her relationship to either her mother or the story or Dimmesdale or other members of the community. You might also write about Governor Bellingham’s mansion.
*Answer Study Guide Analysis and Dig Deeper questions for Chapter 5-7.
*Write a discussion question from your reading of Scarlet Letter Chapters 1-7. Have a possible answer and come to class prepared to discuss your question. A GOOD discussion question does not have a right or wrong answer. For example, "What does Hester name her child?" IS NOT a discussion question. "Why do you think Hester names her daughter, Pearl?" IS a great discussion question. Can you see the difference?

**DAY FOUR**
**WAL1**
Your Essay on Self (WAL1). You will not have an introductory or concluding paragraph. This essay will just contain three "body" portions of an essay.
Follow the "rule of 5" for each paragraph - This means EXACTLY 5 sentences in each paragraph
Write a rough draft of your essay. Write 5 full sentences for each paragraph. By full, I mean 5 meaningful sentences which use rich and full language. It should be double-spaced. To receive full-credit for this assignment, you must write about all three sections. Be sure each paragraph has 5 FULL sentences.
E-mail me with ANY questions.
Turn-In: Print: one copy of your essay for grading.

**WAL2**
Write a 5-paragraph, 5-sentences only essay on your Hero. Be sure to include two quotes, transitions, and all the other requirements for a WAL essay. You can find "Essay Musts" on website at week 20.
Turn-In: Print out one copy of your essay to turn in to me.

Optional Honors: See Syllabus

Parent Initials for Honors work:__________

*means to bring work to class for discussion