

AP Language: Krieger and Mahlum

Your assignment over Thanksgiving break is to read chapters 1-3 of The Scarlet Letter (pages 43-63). You do not have to read the preface or the Custom House chapter at the beginning of the novel.

As you begin reading The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne, there are several things that need your attention:

1. Rhetorical Devices
2. Vocabulary: Hawthorne's vocabulary is sophisticated, and at times challenging. Define the following words from chapters 1-3:

Chapter 1:

- ❖ Edifice
- ❖ Sepulchres
- ❖ Ponderous
- ❖ Inauspicious
- ❖ Congenial

Chapter 2:

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| ❖ Physiognomies  | ❖ EVANESCENT     |
| ❖ Augured        | ❖ IGNOMINY       |
| ❖ Betokened      | ❖ INIQUITY       |
| ❖ Indubitably    | ❖ PILLORY        |
| ❖ Anitnomian     | ❖ MIEN:          |
| ❖ Heterodox      | ❖ CONTUMELY      |
| ❖ VENERABLE      | ❖ PRETERNATURAL  |
| ❖ MALEFACTRESSES | ❖ PHANTASMAGORIC |
| ❖ SUM PTUARY     | ❖ REMONSTRANCE   |
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Chapter 3

- ❖ ABATE
- ❖ INTERVOLUTIONS
- ❖ IGNOMINOUS
- ❖ LURID:
- ❖ SAGACITY

3. Allusions: You need to pay attention to the allusions made by Hawthorne in these chapters and throughout the novel. Hawthorne tends to allude to specific figures—politicians and clergymen—from the time period, as well as to the Bible. His allusions are not limited to these categories.

For chapters 1-3, be certain to identify and understand the following allusions:

- ❖ Papist(s)
- ❖ Ann Hutchinson
- ❖ Quakers (Quakerism)
- ❖ The 'man-like' Elizabeth
- ❖ Divine maternity
- ❖ John Wilson

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4. Quiz:

- ❖ On Monday November 30, you will be quizzed on important quotations from chapters 1-3 and their meaning in context of the text.