

## Summer Reading Assignment – AP English Language: 2010

Assigned Works:

***The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne**

***The Crucible* by Arthur Miller**

*Welcome to AP Language!* As you know, an important component of the English program is the Summer Reading assignment. The three main goals of this assignment are to keep you active in reading, broaden your horizons, and challenge your thinking skills.

The Summer Reading Assignment is a graded assignment. Although we will discuss the readings in class, your knowledge of each work's content will be discerned in three ways: a visual assignment with an accompanying written assignment (below), an in-class essay given the first week of school, and an exam administered. Please note: discussion on each novel will take place after the exam, not before. The written and visual assignment is due the second day of school.

### Essay Prompt:

Decide on a main theme from each work, and explore how **three symbols** from the work relate to the theme. In other words, how do the symbols convey the overall theme or themes of the story? Your thesis statement should include the major theme in the form of a thematic statement not simply a word or phrase and all three symbols you will discuss in your essay.

### The assignment consists of these components:

Introductions and Thesis statements

Outlines for both essays are due during the first day of school

Essay: in-class essays will be written during the first two weeks of class.

### II Poster:

Please choose one *The Scarlet Letter* or *The Crucible* to be the subject of a poster.

Design a poster (size 12 x 18") that depicts a **symbol** in one of the works listed above.

**Place the title of the work and the author's name clearly and legibly on the front** of the poster so that it can be seen from a distance.

Select a passage that supports the event that you have chosen to illustrate. Copy the quote (neatly and accurately) onto the front of your poster (it must be visible from a distance). Some sort of illustration should accompany this quote.

On the back of the poster, attach a **typed** explanation of the significance of the scene, as it relates to the rest of the novel. Explanation must be a well-developed paragraph of about 6-8 sentences. Include the quotation in your paragraph.

**Posters are due the second day of school.**