1. Who is the author of *The Scarlet Letter*? (1)

2. When was the story written? (1)

3. How does our society punish people who break the law? (1)

4. What is one way the Puritans punished people who broke the law? (1)

5. What is Hester Prynne’s punishment? What do the Puritan magistrates hope to accomplish with this punishment? (2)

6. What role does shame play in the punishment of modern criminals? (1)

7. What role did shame play in the punishment of Puritan criminals? (1)

8. Whom does Hester recognize in the crowd as she stands on the scaffold? Why does this discovery both confuse and frighten her? (2)

9. What happens to Hester Prynne? How do you feel about what happens to her? (2)

10. How does Hester provide for herself and Pearl after she is released from prison? (1)
11. How would you describe adultery as a moral issue? Is it ok under certain circumstances? always ok? never ok? is it a crime? is it a sin? (3)

12. How was adultery viewed by the Pilgrims? (1)

13. How does Hester deal with her guilt? (1)

14. What is the setting for the story? (2)

15. Identify and explain one theme of the story. (2)

16. Identify and explain one example of irony from the story. (2)

17. How do religious beliefs and colonial laws intermingle in this story? To what extent do religion and law mix in modern American society? Explain your answer. (3)

18. Hester has learned to live with the scarlet letter more or less. Dimmesdale, however, is hardly able to cope. Do you think that he would have been better off if Hester had named him as Pearl’s father in the first part of the story? Explain your answer. (3)
As you watch *The Scarlet Letter*, note the main qualities of each character below. In each box, write adjectives or phrases that describe that character, based on Hawthorne's characterization. **10 pts.**
Symbol: An object, a person, a place, or an event which has meaning in itself but which also stands for something broader than itself, such as an idea or an emotion. A red heart (valentine) is a symbol of love; a dove is a symbol of peace; a book is a symbol of learning; a famous battlefield may be a symbol of patriotism, heroism, and self-sacrifice.

Assignment: Choose three symbols that were utilized in the movie, The Scarlet Letter. In a detailed paragraph explain the symbol, what it represents, and how it was used to give a clearer understanding of a complex issue. Please check your spelling/grammar and the assignment will be due at the completion of the video.

Symbol #1

Symbol #2

Symbol #3