



The Scarlet Letter Assignment forms the core of our studies into life in Colonial times. This is your opportunity to experience first hand some of the trials and tribulations faced by Hester Prynne in the novel.

### **Prep Work:**

- Each student shall select a letter to wear publicly for an entire school day (exact date to be announced). The letter must represent a sin, of which the student is guilty.
- The student shall create a letter out of cardboard or oak tag, at least five inches in height, and decorated so it will contrast with the clothing worn on that day (i.e. do not wear a blue letter over a blue shirt!).

### **Scarlet Letter Day (Friday):**

- The student must wear his/her letter on the front of his/her shirts, blouses, sweaters or sweatshirts at all times during the school day. No jackets, sweaters, or other garments may be worn over the student's clothing.
- Students must stop by the teacher's classroom before first period to check in. The teacher will also be checking with students periodically during the day. Any student seen without his/her letter at any time during the day, shall receive a failing grade on the assignment.
- Students shall deal politely with questions they receive from other students during the day, but are not required to divulge the sin(s) for which their letter stands as a symbol, unless they choose to.

### **Reflection (Next week)**

Following the wearing of the student's personal scarlet letter, a reflective writing assignment is required. In this writing assignments students must include the following:

- An introductory paragraph describing the assignment
- One paragraph describing the decision the student made in selecting his/her letter
- One paragraph describing the experience of wearing the letter
  - thoughts and feelings at the start of the day
  - incidents interacting with other students
  - thoughts and feelings when the letter was finally removed
- A concluding paragraph assessing the value of the assignment
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