

## FIRST QUARTER

### WEEK ONE

#### Day 1

For the first two weeks of this course, you will be studying the Introduction to English 11 and the English 11 Handbook. Understanding these is critical for success in this course. The Introduction is found at the beginning of the course manual and the Handbook is found at the end. Take today to read over the Introduction to English 11 and the Dedication for this course, as well as skim through the whole course manual.

#### Day 2

Over the next few days, you will be studying the English 11 Handbook. Study it carefully and remember to refer back to it as needed when you are working on assignments for English 11. **Note that because the answers to the quiz questions are so clearly outlined in the Handbook, there is no separate answer key for Weeks One and Two.**

Today, flip back to I. Requirements for Writing Interpretive Essays in the English 11 Handbook and study carefully A: What Distinguishes an Interpretive Essay. **The information on interpretive essays in the handbook is essential to your success in writing interpretive essays. You will be held responsible for knowing this material.**

#### QUIZ #1

1. Should a thesis for an interpretive essay present a general opinion about people or human nature in general?
2. Which of the following two thesis statements is better for an interpretive essay? Why?
  - a. The suffering that Dimmesdale endures due to his guilt and hypocrisy illustrates the need for people to confess and take responsibility for their sins.
  - b. If Dimmesdale had confessed his sin, then he would have been freed from his intense guilt, the need for physical penances, his growing sense of hy-pocrisy, the torments by Chillingworth, and the need to confess publicly.
3. What is the major difference between a book analysis paper and the interpretive essays you will write for English 11?

#### Day 3

Today read part B. Process for Writing an Interpretive Essay in I. Requirements for Writing Interpretive Essays in the English 11 Handbook and answer the questions below.

## QUIZ #2

1. Should you look ahead to the interpretive essay topics and choose one of them before you read the book so you can take notes as you read?
2. Name the sentence that is the most important sentence in the essay. Why is it the most important?

### **Day 4**

Today you will begin studying part C. Essay Requirements in the Handbook. Read section 1, Requirements for Organization of an Essay.

## QUIZ #3

1. What are the 7 main points which should be included in the lead-in to the thesis statement?
2. Which of the phrases below are true of a good thesis statement? (You may choose more than one.)
  - a. presents an interpretation of the literary work
  - b. contains vague, general language
  - c. presents an arguable opinion
  - d. presents a truism with which no one would disagree
  - e. gives a general description of what the essay will discuss
  - f. precise and specific
3. What are the two main functions of the topic sentence? Where should the topic sentences be located?
4. True or False: You should introduce a quote with a clause or phrase that describes the context of the quote and makes it clear how the quote fits into the paragraph's flow of ideas.
5. What is the main function of the concluding paragraph? Should the concluding paragraph contain new information?

### **Day 5**

Continue studying the Essay Requirements in the Handbook. Read section 2, Requirements for Mechanics in an Essay. Answer the questions below.

## QUIZ #4

1. What information should be included in the heading of your paper to give it a proper label?
2. What are the guidelines for spacing and margins?

3. What tense should be used in a formal essay?
4. True or False: First and second person pronouns should be used in your essay.
5. What is the main difference between a comma and a semicolon?

## WEEK TWO

### Day 1

Continue studying the Essay Requirements in the Handbook by reviewing section 2, Requirements for Mechanics in an Essay. Answer the questions below.

#### QUIZ #5

1. True or False: Rhetorical questions are a good way to express a point in an interpretive essay.

### Day 2

Continue studying the Essay Requirements in the Handbook. Read section 3, Requirements for Unity and Coherence in an Essay. Answer the questions below.

#### QUIZ #6

1. True or False: Your essay should stay focused on the defense of the thesis statement throughout.
2. What is the primary function of the supporting details and where should they be located?

### Day 3

Today, study part D, the Sample Essay in Requirements for Writing Interpretive Essays in the English 11 Handbook. This section should be especially helpful to you as you write your interpretive essays.

#### QUIZ #7

1. What main points are included in the lead-in to the thesis statement?
2. What three main ideas are presented in the thesis statement?
3. How many footnotes are in this essay? What is footnoted?
4. How many supporting details are included in each body paragraph?
5. Where is the restatement of the thesis located?

### Day 4

Begin studying the rest of the English 11 Handbook. Review section II, Understanding Plagiarism in English 11, and section III, Notes on Test Preparation. Answer the questions below.

## QUIZ #8

1. What is plagiarism?
2. Are you allowed to work with another student on a test?
3. True or False: You must use your own words and sentence structures when writing your essay.
4. Describe how quotes are to be designated in your essay.
5. Are tests for English 11 open-book or closed-book? What does this mean about how they will be evaluated?

## Day 5

Review IV. Sending an Assignment to Seton; V. Footnotes and Bibliography; VI. Literature Glossary; VII. Poetry Study Guide; and VIII. Reading List of the English 11 Handbook. Answer the questions on sections IV and V. (There are no quiz questions on parts VI, VII, and VIII.)

## QUIZ #9

1. If you submit work over the Internet, do you need to include the Quarter Report Form?
2. True or False: All work for one quarter of one subject should be sent either by mail or over the Internet.
3. How many footnotes/endnotes are needed for your interpretive essays?
4. How should all quotes, except the first one, be cited?
5. True or False: You must include a bibliography for all interpretive essays.

## WEEK THREE

### Day 1

The first literature assignment is Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*. The Dover Thrift Study Edition contains summaries and commentaries at the back of the text. The summaries may be helpful in understanding what is going on, but the commentaries are NOT meant to take the place of a careful reading of the book or of your own original thinking on the book. Interpretive essays and test answers which are mere paraphrases of these commentaries will receive low grades. You should read the summary on each chapter only after you have read the chapter and thought about it on your own, bearing in mind that the text itself and the Seton Lesson Plans and answer keys should serve as your primary sources for understanding the book.

After each assignment take a brief content quiz, closed book. Note that there are a total of 50 questions in the 8 quizzes. Each question is worth 2 points in the total grade which should be put on the First Quarter Report form on the blank line for "*The Scarlet Letter* quizzes."

Read Chapters 1 to 3. ("Custom House" is optional.)

## QUIZ #1

1. What is growing beside the prison door?
2. What is the attitude of the majority of the women watching Hester?
3. Where is she required to stand?
4. What is the name of Hester's pastor?
5. What does he ask her to do?
6. What does the child do during the sermon that follows?

## Day 2

Read Chapters 4 to 6.

## QUIZ #2

1. What does Chillingworth give to the child?
2. Why is Hester afraid when he first offers to give it to her?
3. Why does he say he shouldn't have married Hester?
4. What does he ask her to swear?
5. How does Hester earn a living?
6. What is her daughter's name and why does she choose it?

## Day 3

Read Chapters 7 to 9.

## QUIZ #3

1. What is Hester afraid Governor Bellingham will do?
2. What question does Reverend Wilson ask Pearl?
3. What does she answer?
4. Why does the Governor not do what Hester was afraid of?
5. What does Hester tell Mistress Hibbins would have happened if the Governor had done what she was afraid of?
6. What relationship does Roger Chillingworth have to Rev. Dimmesdale at this time?

**Day 4**

Read Chapters 10 to 12.

## QUIZ #4

1. What does Chillingworth do while Dimmesdale is asleep?
2. He does this just after Dimmesdale became angry with him. Why was Dimmesdale angry?
3. What is the general attitude of the people toward Dimmesdale as a minister?
4. Name two penances that Dimmesdale imposes upon himself.
5. Where does Dimmesdale stand in the middle of the night?
6. What does Pearl ask Dimmesdale to do and how does Dimmesdale respond?

## WEEK FOUR

**Day 1**

Read Chapters 13 to 15.

## QUIZ #5

1. How had Hester endeared herself to the townspeople?
2. Why is she worried about Dimmesdale?
3. Why does she want to speak to Chillingworth?
4. What does Chillingworth say has happened to him?
5. What was the most significant thing Pearl had done while her mother talked to Chillingworth?
6. Pearl asks her mother two questions. What are they?

**Day 2**

Read Chapters 16 to 18.

## QUIZ #6

1. About what does Pearl wish to hear a story?
2. What is the main reason Dimmesdale gives for being miserable?
3. What does Hester reveal to Dimmesdale?
4. What does Dimmesdale tell Hester is a worse sin than the one they committed?