**Rubric for *The Scarlet Letter* and *The Crucible* Essay**

Choose one of the following characters and prove how they serve as a symbol of something significant in the literary piece.

Hester Dimmesdale Roger Chillingworth Pearl

Rev. Parris John Proctor Elizabeth Proctor Abigail

* This is an analysis essay that is thesis driven and you are to use concession in your introduction **before** stating your thesis. (Even though this is not an argumentative paper, analysis papers are persuasive. I want to see that you know how to recognize and use concession.)
* This is to be another **5-paragraph** essay. In the thesis assert three ways the characters portray a certain symbol which means you must identify the **symbol** first; then list three ways the character is an example of it. (See examples on back of page.)
* In the **body paragraphs**, you must provide **two examples** of how the person serves as a symbol, meaning **two quotes** for textual evidence (per body paragraph) in proving what you say—don’t use quotes that have nothing to do with the claim you have made—they must have direct bearing on your claim! These should be short quotes, no longer than four lines long. Block any quotes that are four lines or more. (At least 85% of your paper should be your own words—so consider shorter quotes.) Always set up the quotes—give them context. Refer to the Felix Rule of Five rubric.
* The assignment is due **Monday** **Dec. 5th**. It is worth 100 points and should be 3-4 pages in length, and must include a Works Cited Page (4-5th Page) along with proper use of in-text (parenthetical) citations. Depending on the character you choose to write about, your Works Cited page must cite the work she/he comes from. If you access other sites, you must cite them according to MLA rules for that kind of source citation.
* Pay special attention to grammar, punctuation, word choice, sentence fluency, and any other specific problems you had with the last essay. Proof-read and revise 2-3 times if needed. Read the essay aloud to yourself or another person, which will help you identify these problems easier.
* I have provided some samples where concession comes as a statement directly before your thesis. This are the way I am **requiring** you write the concession/thesis for this essay.

Example Thesis & Concession:

Although his concern for the girls of his parish is real, Parris represents all that is faulty in Puritan society. Parris is a symbol of arrogance, illustrated through his self-serving actions, his sanctimonious indifference, and his desire for revenge.

It is understandable that Puritan society would brand Pearl a wild, defiant, and sometimes fiendish creature; she speaks and acts distinctly contrary to the other children of her pious village. However, Pearl is a symbol of sacrifice, demonstrated by the price her mother paid for her, an emblem of Hester’s loving protection over her, and an example of polished divinity.