

11TH GRADE HONORS ENGLISH – MRS. THALLER

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Welcome to 11th grade Honors English. I am looking forward to meeting you and having a great year! The following assignment will be due the first day of school!

Obtain a copy of the novel, *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. You can buy your own copy or check out a copy from a local library. You may want your own copy so you can annotate in the margins.

Response Journal – As you read the novel, keep a reader’s response journal. Your journal should include a 50-75 word (no longer) response after every two chapters which will total **12** responses (24 chapters). The journal should be typed in 12 point font, double-spaced. Avoid **summarizing** the chapters; rather, respond to what you’ve read. A response journal requires you to make connections to your reading. Question, analyze, relate, connect and think as you read. For example, can you make a personal connection to something you read? Is there a character that you admire or despise? Is there something that confuses you? Is there a recurring theme that you notice in the chapters? How do you feel about certain events in the book? Does the author use any strong imagery (similes – metaphors) that makes an event more memorable? Again, **this is not a summary**; it is your personal response to the reading. Think of it this way - read, react, respond!

Remember, your assignment is due the first day of class in the fall, and penalties apply for late work. There will also be a class discussion and **TEST** on the novel the first day of class. Summer swiftly slips away, so don’t procrastinate.

Copies of this summer homework sheet can also be found on the school website under the *academics* tab and in the main office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thaller

