***The Scarlet Letter* Reading Schedule**

Your reading of the novel will happen concurrently with other homework for our class. To assist you, a reading schedule is being provided.

Before each of the days listed below please read the suggested chapters. By following the reading schedule, you will be able to read *The Scarlet Letter* in its entirety by the due date of Friday, September 07, 2018.  **PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS AN ADVANCEMENT ASSIGNMENT AND YOU WILL NOT BE GIVEN EXTRA DAYS FOR DAYS YOU MISS SCHOOL, EVEN IF THEY ARE EXCUSED.** You have been given a generous amount of time to read the novel, therefore attendance issues have already been considered. Furthermore, this is a AP class, which means that this is a college level class, and in college you are not granted make-up days for assignments placed in advance. Therefore, I suggest you use your time wisely and read ahead.

Please expect periodic quizzes, class discussions, and exercises through your reading adventure. The times listed by each reading task are the approximate time that one will need to listen to the audio; this is to assist you with estimating the time you need to follow each reading task. However, please remember that the time listed does not include the extra minutes you will need to do a close reading of the text (e.g., annotating, graphic organizer, Cornell notes, looking up vocabulary, journaling…).

An audio book can be found by googling the title and one of the following sources: LibirVox, LoudLit, iTunes, YouTube, and LearnOutLoud or by going to <http://vpope.weebly.com/the-scarlet-letter.html>

* 08/20/18 (Monday) - Chapters 1-2 (25 minutes)
* 08/22/18 (Wednesday) - Chapters 3-4 (45 minutes)
* 08/24/18 (Friday) - Chapters 5-7 (60 minutes)
* 08/27/18 (Monday) - Chapters 8-10 (60 minutes)
* 08/29/18 (Wednesday) - Chapters 11-13 (65 minutes)
* 08/31/18 (Friday) - Chapters 14-17 (65 minutes)
* 09/03/18 (Monday) - Chapters 18-19 (45 minutes)
* 09/05/18 (Wednesday) - Chapters 20-21 (40 minutes)
* 09/07/18 (Friday) - Chapters 22-24 (65 minutes)

There are multiple resources available through the Internet that will allow you to merely read highlights of each chapter to get the gist of the novel. However, please understand that your quizzes, exercises, discussions, and test will go beyond what you can learn from SparkNotes, Shmoop, PinkMonkey, CliffNotes… Nevertheless, if you are having trouble understanding what Hawthorne is trying to say in a chapter, **I encourage you to go to Shmoop (http://www.shmoop.com/scarlet-letter/) as a supplement to further your understanding of this classic American novel, not as an alternative to reading the actual novel**.

 **“To do nothing is the way to be nothing.” — Nathaniel Hawthorne**