*The Scarlet Letter* Essay

You will be writing a character analysis on *The Scarlet Letter*. You may choose to write about any of the 4 main characters we’ve discussed in class. The following is the breakdown for your grade:

**Ideas (5 points each-30 total)**

Narrowed topic on the theme

Claims in individual body paragraphs

Evidence

Relevant  facts

Sufficient facts

Warrant/So what?

**Organization (5 points each-total 40 points)**

Introduction/thesis paragraph

     ***Body paragraphs:***

* Claim
* Evidence
* Warrant / So What?

***Transitions:***

* between ideas
* between paragraphs

Conclusion

Overall cohesion and organization

**Voice (3 points each-15 total)**

***Word choice***:

* formal tone
* precise language
* appropriate language

***Sentence Fluency:***

* Cohesive sentence fluency
* Varied sentence structure

**Conventions (5 points each-15 total)**

MLA

Parallel structure

Grammar does not interfere with meaning

The rough draft for this essay will be due on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. You need three copies of your essay. If your essay is not in class that day, you cannot make up the point. This is the only assignment you MUST have with you in class. Please plan to be prepared.

The final draft of this essay is due on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. You need one copy of your rough draft with your final draft. You also need to earn at least an 80% on this essay to prove mastery of the topic. If you earn lower than an 80%, you will need to revise the essay.

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