

# QUICK CARD: *THE SCARLET LETTER*



<i>Reference</i>	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> . Nathaniel Hawthorne. (1850) ISBN: 978-1587263729
<i>Plot</i>	Hester is found guilty of adultery, and is forced by the Puritan elders to bear the shame of a scarlet "A" on her breast for the rest of her life. Because she will not reveal the name of her child's father, Dimmesdale suffers silently from his own guilty conscience and the torture of Hester's suddenly returned husband. The couple plans to run away, but instead Dimmesdale confesses his guilt publically.
<i>Setting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colonial Boston</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> century</li> <li>• Puritan New England</li> <li>• Just before the Salem Witch Trials</li> </ul>
<i>Characters</i>	Hester Prynne Arthur Dimmesdale Pearl Roger Chillingworth Townsperson and government officials
<i>Conflict</i>	Man vs. Himself Man vs. God Man vs. Society Man vs. Man
<i>Theme</i>	Law and Grace Relationship and Vulnerability Freedom
<i>Literary Devices</i>	Symbolism Hyperbole Metaphor Allusion Imagery