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**Use the following websites to research and answer questions on Nathaniel Hawthorne, the author of *The Scarlet Letter*.**

[Hawthorne Biography](http://www.online-literature.com/hawthorne/)

[Women in Hawthorne](http://www.hawthorneinsalem.org/Literature/Hawthorne%26Women/Introduction.html)

[Romanticism](http://www.westga.edu/~mmcfar/AMERICAN%20ROMANTICISM%20overview.htm)

[Allegory/Hawthorne](http://www.literarytraveler.com/literary_articles/nathaniel_hawthorne_salem.aspx)

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| 1. During what era in American History was Nathaniel Hawthorne born? (What was happening in America)
 | 5. Where is Hawthorne’s body buried? What is significant or cool about that cemetery (you may need to Google that cemetery to figure that out)? |
| 2. What characteristics of Hawthorne’s writing made him a literary star (leading writers of the time)? | 6. What is Romanticism? What are characteristics of romantic writing and why would Hawthorne be considered a “Romantic” writer? |
| 3. Why was it appropriate the Hawthorne wrote avidly about the Puritan existence? | 7. Briefly describe the relationships between Hawthorne and the women in his life. How have they influenced Hawthorne? |
| 4. Which great author dedicated *Moby Dick* to Hawthorne? | 8. What is the purpose of allegories in Hawthorne’s writing?  |