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READING QUIZ: *The Scarlet Letter*

Choose a passage from today's reading assignment and write a 3-sentence quotation that interprets the thematic significance of a specific event or plot point. Remember, a 3-sentence quotation includes the following elements:

- A "set-up sentence," which describes the situation in which the quotation occurs and makes brief reference to the prompt, question, or assignment,
- A direct quotation from the story, enclosed in quotation marks and followed by author/page-style citation at the end of the sentence but before final punctuation, and
- A "follow-up" sentence, in which you explain how the quotation answers the prompt, question, or assignment.

In the final chapter of *The Scarlet Letter*, the celebrated Rev. Arthur Dimmesdale, having just delivered his brilliant election sermon, veers from the parade path to climb the scaffold and publicly confess his hidden complicity in Hester's public sin:

'People of New England!' cried he, with a voice that rose over them, high, solemn, and majestic – yet had always a tremor through it, and sometimes a shriek, struggling up out of a fathomless depth of remorse and woe – 'ye, that have loved me! – ye, that have deemed me holy! – behold me here, the one sinner of the world! At last! – at last! – I stand upon the spot where, seven years since, I should have stood;' (Hawthorne 237)

Having suffered the Law's prolonged and torturous guilt, made worse by the machinations of Roger Chillingworth, Dimmesdale escapes his adversary to find relief and relationship through repentance and divine grace.

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