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Guiltiest Character Argument Outline – *The Scarlet Letter* – Due Tuesday, October 26

While Hawthorne did not write *The Scarlet Letter* as a means of assigning guilt to one particular character, he does imply guilt and moral deficiency in multiple characters as he makes comments about society and human nature. Consider who you define as the guiltiest character in the novel. Hawthorne's analysis of paradoxes in society, specifically the position of women, and his consideration of sin and secrecy rely on detailed character sketches. Using a stylistic analysis of the language Hawthorne uses to examine and define his characters, create an outline for an argumentative essay defining the guiltiest character in *The Scarlet Letter.* Be sure to identify textual evidence you would use.

Guiltiest Character: _____

Use the following space to develop your outline.