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2. Answer this question in complete sentences after you have read the novel. Your author originally titled his novel *The Scarlet Letter*, ***A Romance*** (published in 1850). In your own opinion (not what you read on your websites), what do you think your author intended by using the word “Romance”? What do you find most surprising about this word choice? Explain. (4pts)

3. Reading of “The Custom-House,” the author’s original “Introductory to the ‘Scarlet Letter’” (pp.7-33) is ***optional*** for you; however, reading the “Preface to the Second Edition” (p.5) is ***not***. After reading this second preface (p.5), written on March 30<sup>th</sup> 1850, what, in your opinion, do you think the author is saying about the topic of historical accuracy within the literary genre of historical fiction, and the more generally about topic of censorship in literature? Please answer this question in two to three sentences below: (3pts)

4. Match the following characters to their proper and respective description(s) (10pts)
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| a. Hester Prynne _____        | 1. Town pastor                              |
| b. Arthur Dimmesdale _____    | 2. Hester's husband presumably lost         |
| c. Pearl _____                | 3. Grants Hester's appeal to keep custody   |
| d. Roger Chillingworth _____  | 4. A child born out of wedlock              |
| e. Reverend John Wilson _____ | 5. Forced to wear the Scarlet Letter "A"    |
| f. Governor Bellingham _____  | 6. Attempts to force Hester's confession    |
|                               | 7. Commits adultery, seeks restored dignity |
|                               | 8. Is an unruly "elf child"                 |
|                               | 9. Grows sick by his tormented conscience   |
|                               | 10. Seeks revenge on Dimmesdale             |
5. There are many important symbols used in the narrative. Four that are important to remember are: The Letter "A," the Rose Bush, the color Red, and the "Black Man." After reading the novel, answer below what you think each symbol represents (provide one example from the narrative to support your claim, include the page number) (8pts)
- a. The Letter "A"
- b. The Rose Bush
- c. The Color Red
- d. The Black Man

