**Custom House Assignment – AP English 11/Mr. Cresswell**

**Your goal for this assignment is to prove that you read the Custom House section along with getting a better understanding of Hawthorne’s style…you might need a dictionary by your side to assist you with his lofty vocabulary!**

**Section One – Descriptions of the current group of men that the author is now in charge of!**

**Section Two – Any ancestral allusion made by the author!**

**Section Three- The description of the upstairs portion of the Custom House and the discovery the author makes when he is upstairs!**

**Pick THREE (3) sentences (one per each section mentioned above) from the Custom House Portion of The Scarlet Letter (each sentence should have at least 15 words) and write the sentence with an accompanying paraphrase to better understand Hawthorne’s writing style:**

**Example – “At all events, I, the present writer as their representative, hereby take same upon myself for their sakes, and pray that any curse incurred by them- as I have heard, and as the dreary and unprosperous condition of the race, for many a long year back, would argue to exist-may be now and henceforth removed.” (This would be found in the Section Two area mentioned above)**

**Paraphrase – Because the people before me in this Custom House are filled with shame of their actions, I hope that I can move forward and help them by removing that shame that caused them to feel sad and sorrowful.**