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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS are ten specific laws that Moses received from God in the Old Testament of the Bible. God intended these to be followed, even when he made a New Covenant by sending his only Son, Jesus, to Earth. The Puritans followed these laws very strictly, and very humbly. A little lie back then was like a stabbing today—everyone heard about it, and it was punishable by the temporary laws that had been set up in the little Massachusetts settlement of Boston. What point am I trying to reach here is that in *The Scarlet Letter*, a book written and first published by Nathaniel Hawthorne in 1850, one fall into temptation, or adultery (to be specific), was punishable by death. This was a strict Puritanical law, based on the Ten Commandments...and in this certain case in *The Scarlet Letter*, a “badge of sin” was to be worn by Hester Prynne—the letter “A.”

And so today, people still sin and commit adultery, but adultery is not punishable by death, if at all. If you cheat on your spouse, most think, *so what?* But *killing* is, and always has been, considered illegal and wrong, unless done in a war. So, killing being listed as a sin in the Ten Commandments, if I had to think of a sin that was the worst a person could commit, it would be agreeing to killing innocent babies for the [enhancement] of science or not accepting the responsibility of a child. This is called abortion, my friends, but I would label it with the letter “K.” This is the worst sin a person could decide to commit.

First off, if it were to have a color, it would be black and red, for that is all the baby sees is black, but is surrounded by warm red blood. I believe that if a person even

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I believe that the letter "L" for liar is the worst sin a person can commit. The color of my letter is black, dark blue and gray. I chose these colors because they are dark and it shows the dark side of people. A sinner of this sin must wear the letter on their back. It would have to be located on the back of someone because it tells everyone else that they are a back stabber. The letter would only have to be sewn on. It would not have to be tattooed or branded on because people can change their ways of behaving.

There are many famous people in the world that have committed this sin. One person in particular is Bill Clinton. He cheated on his wife and denied it. People don't generally like liars and don't want to be their friends. I have had friends that lied about something to me and we are not really friends anymore. It's hard to come back from a lie.

The letter "A" and my letter "L" are alike and different in many ways. The "A" is located on Hester's bosom to let everyone know that she had committed that sin. The "L" would be worn on someone's back to show that they are a back stabber. Both of the letters are sewn on and are not tattooed or branded. There are tons of people in the world that have committed the sin adultery and being a liar, such as Bill Clinton lying to his wife about cheating on her with another women. No one really liked Hester after they found out that she had a baby with another man other than her husband, and a lot of

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Interesting title

Should We Judge a Lie?

Imagine having something displayed on you for every sin that you've committed. Imagine everyone around you always judging just because of what they see on the outside of you. That is something that could really affect your life. If I had to pick a sin to be displayed on a person for committing the sin, I would choose "L" for lying. There are many other sins that are much worse than lying, but lying ultimately leads to the other sins. It is almost a fact that everyone has lied at least once in his or her life. I think everyone would see how many people really do sin if they had to be punished for lying.

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The colors I decided to make the letter were orange and yellow. I decided to use those colors because I want the letter to stand out on the sinner. The sinner must wear the letter on his or her neck so it is exposed to everyone. Also, the letter must be tattooed so that it cannot be removed.

It would be extremely hard to make a list of people who have committed this sin because most everyone has lied in his or her lifetime. People would probably respond to the sinner by not trusting his or her word as much. Also, many people would actually see who has ever lied, so it would be a surprise for everyone to see how many people do actually lie.

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Furthermore, if my letter "L" for lying would be compared to Hester's "A", there would be some similarities. First, this is a sin that many judge others for, but really they've done it themselves. But, a difference is that lying is a more commonly forgiven sin, where as adultery is a very hard sin to forgive. Adulterers were originally considered the scum of the earth in Hester's time.

When it comes to judging others for lying, it is hard to do since you've probably lied yourself. I don't see it as ethically right to judge a person for lying, when you have most likely committed the sin yourself. You can't really judge someone for something that you have done.

Hypocritical, right?

That is how I feel about the letter "L". There are probably so many worse crimes to talk about, but all of those branch off of lying. It was even hard for me to choose a punishment for this crime, since I too have lied at least once in my life. That deals with all sin, is there really anyway to judge someone for sinning? When we all know that someone else has some secret sin themselves?

Nice!

Letter Essay

36/30

10/10
1-2 pgs 5
Points 5
Cid law 5
Grammar 5



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The Letter "M"

Out of every possible sin in the world, one would probably be the worst to anyone. The sin of murder is one of the most horrific and serious sins known. For those reasons, I have picked the letter "M" to represent it. Along with that, the letter itself is black, to represent the evil and darkness brought out by murder.

Someone who commits such a horrible crime as that will be required by law to wear this mark so that the entire world will know. Since the convicted will most likely be spending the rest of their life in prison anyways, this mark needs to be a painful reminder to them for the remaining years in prison or everyday if they are lucky enough to be let out. That would mean a large letter should be branded to their hands.

There are people out there today that deserve this form of punishment. But there are also people that this practice should have been used on. Some such killers are the assassins of great people. These include Lee Harvey Oswald, the murderer of John F. Kennedy and Mark David Chapman the assassin of John Lennon. Those two men have taken influential people from our society, due to their own selfish acts.

It is already hard for people who have spent time in prison to get a job, and some do in fact deserve another chance. But those who take lives just to take a life, should never be allowed the same privileges as everyone else. Just at an easy first glance you would be able to tell of this crime. There is no hiding the truth, it is right there for all eyes to see.

This letter would be the same as Hester's letter. Everyone would be able to see the things someone has done. And they would be able to judge them however they wanted. That may end up being better for some people, and even worse for another. Although Hester's letter is just sewn on, it still has the same effect of always having to be worn, and always there no matter

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True letter!

The Letter "M"

The letter "M" represents the sin of murder. It is the worst act any human being can do. Murdering someone for any reason deserves a severe punishment. Despite either being jailed or sentenced to death, the letter "M" should be forever marked on their body. It would show everyone that they committed the sin of murder, and are being punished not by just being in jail, but by the humiliation of wearing the letter.

The letter is bright yellow, outlined in red, and has silver sparkles dividing the two colors. The red is a deep shade representing the blood spilled and the person they murdered. The actual letter is bright yellow because it's showy and will attract people's attention. The sparkles represent the family members of the victim and any other person affected by the tragedy. The reason the sparkles separate the red from the yellow, is to show the life the victim had and how its gone. The sinner would have to wear the "M" tattooed on their foreheads. The reason for this is to forever show the horrifying sin they committed.

Some famous people who would wear the letter "M" would be Spade Cooley, Corey Miller, and O.J. Simpson. Spade Cooley murdered his wife in 1961 for having an affair. Corey Miller was a rap artist convicted of murdering a fan at a club in 2002, but in 2006 his conviction was overturned. Despite his conviction being overturned, he would still have to have the "M" tattooed on him because we were convicted at one time. O.J. Simpson murdered his wife and friend in 1994. All of these men would wear the letter "M" tattooed on their foreheads for the unforgivable sin they committed.

When people would see the letter, their reaction would be horrified. They would be scared, outraged, and shocked. For someone to commit murder, they must be completely crazy. It can never be forgiven and under no circumstance is it acceptable.

The letter "A" is similar to "M" in some aspects. They both have the color red on them and bystanders seeing the letter would react in the same way. They differ greatly as well. They would be worn on different places of the body. The "A" was sewed onto the chest of clothing and the "M" would be tattooed on the sinners' forehead. Murder is nothing like Hester's situation and wouldn't be punished the same either. Hester was sentenced to jail for awhile and had to wear the scarlet "A" for several years. Murderers would be either sentenced to life in jail, a death sentence, and then have to forever have the "M."

When people commit murder, they now can be judged. Before committing the sin, it's not okay to judge people without knowing them. There is no acceptable reason for murdering a human being. Punishment, humility, and judgment come along with the crime. Some people could say that this is bias because if a teenager hit an old woman crossing the street, it probably wasn't done on purpose. Even though that's true, the letter "M" would still have to be tattooed. It doesn't matter whether murder was accidental or intentional, the consequences should be relatively similar. Murder is the worst sin possible, and no consequence is efficient enough.

Letter	10/10	
Essay	1-2 pgs	5
	Points	5
	Let Comp.	5
	Grammar	5

Good!
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T is for Torture

The worst possible thing a person (in my opinion) could do, would be if they tortured some one. I think that because you can torture someone many different ways. Later on I hope to tell you of a demented man and how he tortured his victims as an example of this sin and how terrible it is. Well I'm sure by now that you have figured out the letter I chose, it is obvious that I chose T.

The colors I picked for my letter fit the sin to which it describes perfectly. The colors are red and different shades and tints of black. The red stands for the blood of the victim that is shed. The ominous colors describe the pure evil of this sin itself. Those are the reasons for the colors of the letter.

In today's society a person who committed such a sin would be put to death but as you know this is about how people would have reacted decades ago. Back then if I had to choose where and how the letter was worn it would take me a while to figure it out. I think the letter should be branded then tattooed to show the color. The reason I would brand it would be to give ~~then~~ a fraction of the pain they cause another person. Now to where I would place it, most likely I would have it in several places. One place would be their forehead because of mental torture, another would be their hands for physical torture, and lastly I would place one on both cheeks for oral torture.

Now I think its time to give an example of a sick and twisted person who got enjoyment of others pain by his actions. His name was Johann Reichhart he was an officer in Germany who ran a prison. So far nothing seems wrong but here is the twist, he

was in charge of a prison of people who did not pay taxes. He treated them with terrible conditions; he put some of the people in the prison into a dark hole for days, he chose these people randomly not by if they behaved or not. He enjoyed every minute of it too. Another thing this man would do is take a few prisoners out for a ride telling them they would be set free then when they were far away in the middle of no where he killed them. That was just one of these sick people, do you see why I think tortured is the worst thing a person could do.

Treat others the way you would like to be treated; we have all heard that at least once in ones life. That is exactly how this person would be treated. They would most likely rot in jail by themselves. This is very unlikely but if they were allowed to walk amongst society they would be threatened daily and people would attempt homicide on their life regularly. That is how people would react to that horrid letter.

The letter A and the letter T very different and yet in some ways the same. in the way J and Hawthorn use the letter to represent the meaning of a sin they are similar. Another similarity is that they can both have a different meaning to them, like how Hawthorne plays around with the meaning of the A in later chapters of the book, saying it means such words as angel and able. Here is the major difference. in my eyes torture is a much greater sin than adultery. Other differences that occur are how we have the sinner wear their letter. Those are the main similarities and differences of the A and T.

Most people during their life have to deal with the sin they have committed by punishment of the law. For those lucky enough they never have their sin revealed but it cats away at them from the inside, like Dimmsdale for example how he says he wears his A on the inside. What I am getting at is no one should be judged by their sin, not to say