

Research Step 3: **Cornell Notes**
American Literature

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Source: #1 Encyclopaedia Britannica

Slug/Main Idea	Notes: Summarized, Paraphrased, and Quoted Material	In-Text Citation
<i>I. Author's Life</i>	<i>1. Born July 4, 1804 in Salem, Mass. & died May 19, 1864 in Plymouth, NH</i>	<i>("Nathaniel")</i>
	<i>Ancestors lived in Salem and are connected to the witch trials:</i>	
	<i>William Hathorne "acted as a staunch defender of puritan orthodoxy"</i>	
	<i>- "a zealous advocacy of a 'pure' unaffected form of religious</i>	
	<i>worship , rigid adherence to a simple, almost severe, mode of life,</i>	
	<i>and its conviction of the 'natural depravity' of fallen man"</i>	
	<i>John Hathorne was a judge at the Salem Witch Trials and the only judge</i>	
	<i>never to express regret</i>	
	<i>Nathaniel changed spelling of his surname from Hathorne to Hawthorne</i>	
	<i>when he began his writing career</i>	
Synthesis: What inferences or analytical conclusions have you drawn from the above notes?		
	<i>1. Having always lived in the New England area and with deep ancestral roots there, Hawthorne understands</i>	
	<i>not only the general landscape but captures with incredible authenticity the cultural norms and peculiar tone</i>	
	<i>of this area—nearly all his fiction is set here.</i>	
	<i>- Possible that Hawthorne wrote <u>Scarlet Letter</u> as a way to criticize the judgmental beliefs of his ancestors.</i>	
	<i>- Evidence that he disapproved of their actions might be the name change, which might have allowed him to</i>	
	<i>retain his identity while distancing himself to some degree from his puritanical roots... Family Drama????</i>	