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**An Effectiveness of New England Puritanism in The Literature of
Nathaniel Hawthorne**

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ABSTRACT

New England Puritanism plays a significant role in shaping the themes, characters, and moral conflicts in the literature of Nathaniel Hawthorne. Hawthorne's works are deeply influenced by the religious beliefs, strict moral codes, and social values of the Puritan society that existed in early New England. Through his stories and novels, Hawthorne explores themes such as sin, guilt, punishment, redemption, and the struggle between individual freedom and rigid social norms. He often presents characters who experience inner conflict because of the strict expectations imposed by Puritan culture. By portraying these struggles, Hawthorne highlights the psychological and emotional effects of harsh moral judgment and social pressure. His famous works frequently depict how individuals are judged by society and how hidden sins can affect both personal identity and community relationships. Hawthorne does not simply criticize Puritanism; instead, he examines its complex influence on human behavior and moral thinking. His literary style combines historical background with symbolic and moral exploration, allowing readers to better understand the impact of Puritan beliefs on American culture and society.