Roger Chillingworth
(Hester’s long-absent husband who becomes the greatest sinner by coldly seeking revenge)

Hester Prynne
(publicly confessed adulteress who wears the scarlet letter as her punishment)

Pearl
(the human embodiment of the scarlet letter and her parents’ sin)

Arthur Dimmesdale
(secretly confessed adulterer who punishes himself in private for his sin)

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