Thesis for Literary Analysis on Scarlet Letter

What?  Sentence One: Name of author, genre, title of work, and your answer to the prompt. (Asks for tone, you state the tone; asks for purpose, you state purpose.)

How?  Sentence Two: Identify rhetorical/literary devices used in order to develop and support the (tone, purpose, etc.)

Why?  Sentence Three: Explain the (tone, purpose, etc.) of the author/narrator.

Example for The Scarlet Letter:
In Nathanial Hawthorne’s novel, The Scarlet Letter, the narrator’s tone is negative and critical of the punishment or penal practices of the Puritan community in the late 1600’s. Hawthorne uses diction, details, and examples of comparison and contrasting of the Puritan’s punishment to our modern practices. The narrator seems to disagree with the uncompromising treatment and even seeming delight that the people show as prisoners are sent forth to their final doom. In fact, the narrator seems to disagree with the idea that “the mildest and severest acts of public discipline were alike made venerable and awful.”