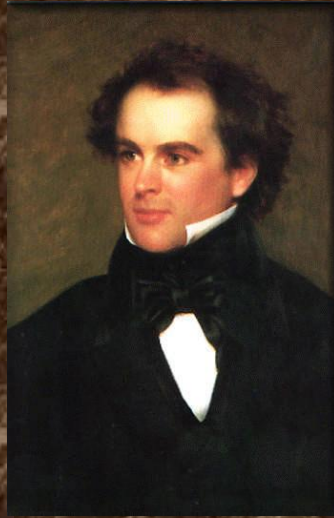




Nathaniel Hawthorne



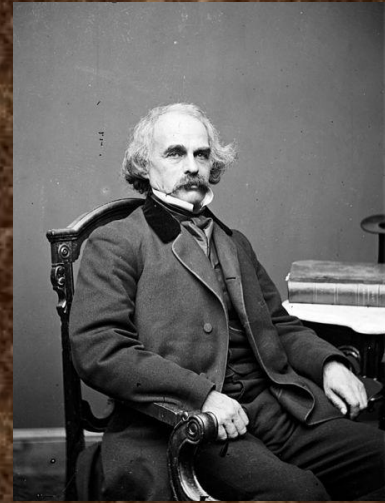
Nathaniel Hawthorne was a mid 1800's New England Puritan author influenced by puritan family background and belief in determinism. He is known as the first professional writer. Hawthorne attended Bowdoin College from 1821-1825. His major themes of writing include: allegory, Italian background, puritan new England, pride, problem of guilt, initiation, alienation.

Born July 4th, 1804, to a strict, religious puritan family. The Hawthornes were involved in religious persecution in regards to William Hathorne. Also, John Hathorne, was a judge involved in the seventeenth-century Salem witchcraft trials, where dozens were accused of being witches and later executed. Nathaniel later added the "w" to this last name because of these reasons. During a period of immobility, due to a leg injury, he developed a taste for thinking and reading. The only boy of 3 children and lived with his mother when his father died in 1808.

Hawthorne was the author of the classic novel, *The Scarlet Letter*. In 1850-1853, Hawthorne's most productive time, he wrote *The House of the Seven Gables*, *The Blithedale Romance*, *A Wonder Book* (1852), and *Tanglewood Tales* (1853). Hawthorne is recognized as one of the most important writers of his time.



(Nathaniel Hawthorne's house)



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