

## *The Crucible* Essay Assignment

Choose one of the following topics to write a 4-paragraph paper in MLA Format. Use at least 2 quotes from the play to support your thesis. Set these quotes up in MLA format (you will get more information on this.) ALL work on the essay will be done in class.

1. Is John Proctor a “good” man? John has made some big (HUGE!) mistakes, but at the end of the play, Elizabeth says that John now has his “goodness.” What do you think? Write an essay in which you analyze John Proctor’s character, exploring whether or not you think he ultimately is a “good man.”
2. How does Reverend Hale’s character change throughout the play? Analyze and evaluate the dynamic characterization of Rev. John Hale. Think about the various stages of John Hale’s change of character in *The Crucible*.
3. How is the poppet an important symbol in the play? Analyze how the poppet is used as a symbol of Abigail’s control.
4. Is there a topic here that you would rather explore? You probably can...just clear it with me!

### **The Important Details!**

1. Your essay is due to both Google Classroom AND Turn It In by Friday, 10/4, at midnight.
2. I will be conferencing with each of you a couple of times throughout the week about your essay. Here is what you need to work on / complete each day\*:
  - Monday, by end of class: Topic decided, thesis statement and outline written and turned in.
  - Tuesday, by end of class: Intro paragraph completed.
  - Wednesday, by end of class: Body paragraph #1 completed.
  - Thursday, by end of class: Body paragraph #2 completed.
  - Friday, by end of class: Conclusion completed, proofread. Submit to Google Classroom and to Turn It In by midnight.

\*When you finish one step, you may proceed to the next one.

### **Step 1: Decide on your topic and create a thesis statement.**

**Your paper needs to say something thoughtful ☺.**

A.) **Bland Thesis:** Reverend John Hale experiences the most dramatic changes in Arthur Miller’s *The Crucible*.

B.) **Stellar Thesis:** Reverend John Hale experiences the most dramatic changes in Arthur Miller’s *The Crucible* due to his expert knowledge of witchcraft that ultimately leads to innocent villagers’ blood on his hands.

**\*A work in progress, BUT it says something meaningful!!!**

### **Step 2: Create an outline.**

What are the main points you are going to make in your body paragraphs?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

***The Crucible* Essay—Planning Sheet.**

TOPIC:

THESIS STATEMENT:

BODY PARAGRAPH 1: What is going to be your point in this paragraph? It should support your thesis.

BODY PARAGRAPH 2: What is going to be your point in this paragraph? It should support your thesis.

**THIS IS DUE TODAY BY THE END OF CLASS!**