

**Arthur Miller's *The Crucible***  
Notes/Background Information

**Arthur Miller**

- 1915-2005
- Grew up in a struggling working class family; worked as a teenager to earn money to go to college
- Considered one of America's greatest playwrights—wrote *The Crucible*, *Death of a Salesman*, and *All My Sons*
- Confessed to attending Communist meetings in the 1950s and was jailed for contempt of court when he refused to reveal the names of other people in attendance

**McCarthyism and the Salem Witch Trials**

McCarthyism	The Salem Witch Trials

**Parallels Between The Salem Witch Trials and McCarthyism**

- Both events showed what happens when \_\_\_\_\_ controls people's minds and actions.
- Both events put people in a lose-lose situation:
  - In the Salem Witch Trials, people were pressured to confess to \_\_\_\_\_ and face public \_\_\_\_\_, or be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In the McCarthy hearings, people had to reveal their \_\_\_\_\_ involvement or risk being arrested for \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Drama Term/*The Crucible* Term**

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