

The Crucible - Final Essay

You will compose a traditional five paragraph essay that will demonstrate your knowledge of the play and your understanding of its complexities.

The support for your argument will come from the text of *The Crucible*. No outside research is required.

You will have to use **direct quotes from the text** as a part of your support, in addition to specific details and references to the play.

Please select ONE of the following essay prompts:

1. Select three characters that may be held responsible for the trials. Explain why each character may be blamed for it.
2. Discuss how the character of John Proctor transforms over the course of the play.
3. The following forces have a tremendous impact on Salem during the witchcraft trials of 1692:
 - greed
 - jealousy
 - fear
 - vengeance
 - hysteria
 - hypocrisy
 - courage
 - guilt
 - ambition

Select and discuss the single most important destructive force in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*.