***The Crucible* Essay**

Choose **one** of the following essay prompts to answer thoroughly in a 500-700 word MLA formatted paper. You will turn in both a hard copy of your paper as well as a digital copy to Turnitin.com. \*Your final essay will be one test grade. **Please adhere to the following criteria:**

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* Entire paper is double spaced (no added line between paragraphs)
* Proper header and heading and MLA formatting
* Must meet the 500-700 word count standard
* Use quality textual evidence to support and explain your thesis.
* Turn in a printed rough draft (due Monday, October 2, 2017 at the beginning of class)
* Edit final paper (week of October 2- October 6)
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1. **The play *The Crucible* is an allegory. Using at least three connections to the text, explain the characters and events that parallel Arthur Miller’s experiences with McCarthyism.**
2. **Consider the following quote from Act II of *The Crucible*:**

**“*I’ll tell you what’s walking Salem- vengeance is walking Salem. We are what we always were in Salem, but now the little crazy children are jangling the keys of the kingdom, and common vengeance writes the law*” (II. 1136-1141)!**

**Explain how this theme is illustrated through the characters and actions of the play.**

1. **Define the term crucible. Defend how the definition best exemplifies the title of Miller’s play as it relates to the characters and their consequences.**

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