

The Crucible
Essay Prompts

Pick one prompt below as your essay topic:

- 1.) Which of the Seven Deadly Sins is the most prevalent in *The Crucible*? Which “Sins” do the main characters represent most? Cite textual evidence to support your claim.
- 2.) Who is most at fault in the affair between John Proctor and Abigail Williams? Support your claim with textual evidence.
- 3.) A crucible is defined as a severe test. Write an essay discussing the significance of the title. What is "the crucible" within the play and how does it bring about change or reveal an individual's true character?
- 4.) As a minister, Reverend Parris is supposed to devote himself to the spiritual welfare of the inhabitants of Salem. Write an essay discussing Parris' concerns and motivations. Is he an effective minister?
- 5.) How do the witch trials empower individuals who were previously powerless?