

The Crucible

Final Essay Topics

Choose **one** of these topics to write your essay on.

1. There is a clear parallel between the events of 1692 and the political investigation of the 1950's in the USA.

What are the particular characteristics of this play which make its story timeless and universal?

(taken from Pg.128, Themes Q.3)

2. Is John Proctor a hero in his stand against the evil in his society or do you see him as foolish when he might easily have saved his life? Why does he make his individual sacrifice?

(taken from Pg.128, Themes Q.4)

3. There is much talk of judging people in this play, as well as a scene in which professional judges conduct their business according to the law. Elizabeth tells John in Act 4 that she cannot judge him and that 'There be no higher judge under Heaven than Proctor is.'

What message does all this give us about judging others?

(taken from Pg.29, Justice and Truth Q.2)