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The Crucible—Argumentative Essay Assignment

Select one of the essay prompts below and write a multi-paragraph (at least 6) argumentative essay.

Essay Prompt 1:

In Arthur Miller's The Crucible, Reverend Hale tells Elizabeth Proctor that "no principle, however glorious" is worth dying for, and he argues that it is better to give a false confession than to die for a principle of belief. Defend or refute Hale's assertion using evidence from *The Crucible* to support your stance. Use at least three pieces of evidence as support from the text.

Essay Prompt 2:

Choose one character from *The Crucible*. Then, argue whether that character's actions throughout the drama are selfish are sacrificial. Is the character heroic or villainous? Explain. Use at least three pieces of evidence from the text as support.

Additional Requirements:

- ✓ Paper must be 2-3 pages in length, typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, MLA format (refer to handout).
- ✓ Use at least three correctly documented, "worthy" quotations from *The Crucible* in the paper (-5 for each missing quotation)
- ✓ Use third person (no *I, we, us, you*)
- ✓ Use the format on the back of this page to organize your essay

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ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY OUTLINE

Introduction

Background

Thesis

Supporting Evidence #1

Supporting Evidence #2

Supporting Evidence #3

Counterargument

Conclusion