

Portions of Student Reflection Essays

- explain relationship between the Crucible and McCarthyism?

In both The Crucible and McCarthyism people were afraid, which led to accusations that soon got out of hand. Both had characters that matched qualities such as the HUAC and the court system, and Joe McCarthy and Abigail/Rev Parris.

- what did I learn from the Crucible?

I learned not to believe anything you hear without having proof of it. In both cases people believed what was being said and it ended up hurting them in the end.

- what is the value of education?

I think that education is very important and is a deciding factor in what I will do with my life. But I must also do things like thinking for myself that cannot be taught.

From your instruction I have learned about the Crucible, McCarthyism and how they relate. The two topics are related because they deal with people being wrongly accused for their "actions". In 1692 people were accused of being witches while in the 1950s people were accused of being communist.

From reading the crucible I have learned that you should stick to your beliefs even when the world is against you. This seemed to be a significant theme throughout the story.

I value education. I believe that education is one of the most important things a person can have. I believe that education allows people to learn how to convey their ideas in a clear and concise manner.

From Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* I have learned that mass hysteria can happen and that one person can make a difference (negative or positive). I have also learned the value of standing for what you believe and how to be a judge of good character. I have learned from McCarthyism, which is closely related to the *Crucible*, to question our political leaders and to take active participation in politics to try to help prevent dark chapters like the 1950's "witch hunts" from happening.

McCarthyism is closely related to the playwright *The Crucible* in that both are about one person effectively driving a mass of people to hysteria.

There are many small lessons that I have learned from the study and analysis of *The Crucible* and McCarthyism such as to choose reason before panic and to go against the crowd for what I believe.

The value of education to me is almost a habit. I feel school gives me a schedule in which I'm not sitting around all day and I feel like by learning I will eventually be a significant contributor to society.

In education I want to go to college for 4 years and be an high school history teacher. I want to be a teacher because I don't want to just influence my kids, but all of society's children to try to be an active participant

1. McCarthyism and the Crucible relate because people were being accused for ~~false~~ things that weren't true such as witchcraft in the Crucible and Communism in McCarthyism. In both, there was a leader that people believed over everyone, basically the accusers such as Abigail and the Senator.

2. From the Crucible I have learned that people even in real life tend to make up lies or accuse other people to protect themselves and make them look better. Also I learned that crane means old ^{women}.

3. The value of education is very important because it gets you to think and view different perspectives on your own and also can learn about different cultures and learn and maybe even teach things that you ^{and experience} may need in everyday life.