

# The Crucible

---

Essay topics: choose one of the following topics to write your next brilliant essay. Remember to include plenty of juicy (i.e. specific) details and to express your most profound insights into the mayhem that was Salem.

1. Some of the characters in the play are dynamic, others remain static, and still others deteriorate and become mad or hysterical. Analyze an example or two of each type of character and discuss their fate in the play.
2. Discuss the theme of parenting and what it means to be a parent with respect to three characters: Rev. Parris, Rebecca Nurse, and John Proctor. What are the results of each of their parenting styles? How do their abilities or ineptitudes as parents effect the outcome of the play? other characters?
3. Hypocrisy runs rampant in Salem. Look up the word "hypocrisy" in a good dictionary. Who are three main characters who engage in hypocrisy? How does it effect the townspeople of Salem, those closest to them, and the outcome of the play?