

The Crucible Discussion Questions

Directions: To prepare for our class discussion on *The Crucible*, answer the following questions with thorough bullet points – your responses should include direct references to the text through cited paraphrases and quotations.

1. What is Miller saying about the justice system? How does Miller develop this theme?
2. What does *The Crucible* reveal about the individual versus society? Support your claims with evidence from the text.
3. What are similarities between the events of McCarthyism and the characters in *The Crucible*? What is Miller saying about his society, government, leaders, etc.?
4. Considering the number of characters he does comment on in the Overture, explain why Miller chose *not* to comment on Abigail?
5. Identify examples of irony in the play. Why does Miller rely on irony to develop his theme about the government and its justice system?