The Crucible Webquest Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A. For section A, do some searching on your own and answer these questions:**

*The Crucible* was written by Arthur Miller. It was written as an allegory to the McCarthy Witch Hunts of the 1950s. What is the play about?

What is an allegory?

Why was Arthur Miller brought before the House Un-American Activities Committee in the 1950s?

Whom did Miller marry soon after he appeared before the HUAC?

To what accusation in the 50s does Miller compare to the accusation of witchcraft in the 1600s?

**B. McCarthyism link**

Miller wrote *The Crucible* in the 1950’s, when something called McCarthyism was something of a modern-day witch hunt that affected Miller directly. Click on this link to McCarthyism and read up on it - <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/database/mccarthyism.html>

Who was Joseph McCarthy?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What was his public accusation toward certain groups of people?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name three artists/actors/writers who were singled out as Communists (you may use this site or look it up) and what was their fate (i.e. lost their job, suicide, lost family, etc.):

a.

b.

c.

What does it mean to be “blacklisted”?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Characters**

Who are some of the main characters in *The Crucible?* Click here to find out. (If you want to read the summary of the play, please don’t ruin it for others; it’s not required for those who like some element of surprise.)

<http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/crucible/characters.html>

Describe the following characters from the Crucible:

a. John Proctor

b. Elizabeth Proctor

c. Abigail Williams

d. Mary Warren

e. Rev. Parris

f. Rev. Hale

g. Tituba

**E. Salem Witch Museum website.**

Go to the Salem Witch Museum and read about the historical background of what happened,

<http://www.salemwitchmuseum.com/> Click on “The Trials.”

Whose daughter and niece became sick in 1692? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What was the diagnosis?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many people were hanged for witchcraft?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

One man was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to death.

How many others died?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What four factors created a fertile ground for fear and suspicion?

1.

2.

3.

4.

How many people were sent to prison?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What was their “crime”?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

After three successive hanging days, what happened to the witch trials court?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The belief in the power of the accused to use their invisible “magic” to torture their victims, known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

evidence, was no longer allowed after which court took over?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What did the new court do for those still waiting to be killed?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why is it important for historians, sociologists, and even schools, to continue to examine this time in history?

What happened in the 1950s that is considered the modern witch hunt?