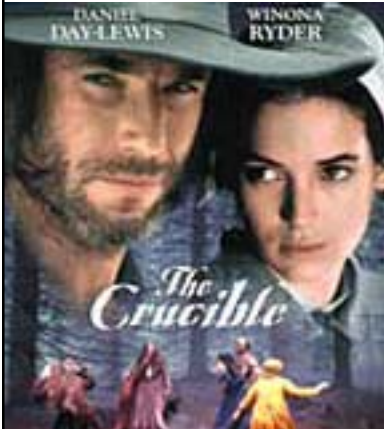


Cause and Effect Essay

The Scarlet Letter



Choose **one** of the essay prompts below and answer it directly in a 2-5 page essay. Find quotes, symbols and events from throughout the novel to use as proof. Be sure to analyze and interpret how the evidence proves your thesis statement. Specifics: 12-point font, 1-inch margins, MLA page citations, title.



The Crucible

Hypocrisy: What causes characters in the novel/play to behave in a hypocritical way when they actually love honesty? Are the effects of behaving hypocritically better or worse than those that exist after revealing who they truly are?

Conformity: Identify the forces that cause conformity in the novel/play and demonstrate the effects that this extreme conformity has on specific characters' lives.

Guilt and Confession: Which characters in the novel/play are motivated by guilt and why? What are the positive and negative results of the guilt they feel? How does confession help or hurt them?

Vengeance and Forgiveness: How does submitting to feelings of vengeance in the novel/play affect the characters? In contrast, what effects could or do come about as a result of forgiveness?

Rubric

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| Introduction | ___/10 |
| Include a hook, a connector, including the author and title, and a thesis statement | |
| Body Organization | ___/10 |
| Paragraphs have a logical pattern of organization based on chronology, character, order of importance, or some other method of organization | |
| Claims | ___/20 |
| Each paragraph has a main topic or claim that helps prove the thesis statement | |
| Evidence and Introduction of Evidence | ___/20 |
| Quotes, symbols, or events are used to prove the claim; quotes should have a context before the quote and smooth blending of the quote with the essay writer's words | |
| Analysis / Interpretation / Evaluation | ___/20 |
| All evidence is analyzed by the writer in detail | |
| Citations / Follows Directions | ___/10 |
| Correct MLA and follows all specific directions for formatting | |
| Conclusion | ___/10 |
| Restate the thesis from the point of view of having drawn a conclusion about it; conclude with a final brilliant thought for the reader about what you have proved and why it's important | |

Content Total ___/100

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Overall Total ___/200

Grade ___

