***The Crucible***

Answer the following questions using the provided websites. You may type the website in the browser or you may go to the following 1 website and click on links **http://edublogs.misd.net/mrsmccarthy**

Type in this link to read about Miller-

**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur\_Miller**

**Arthur Miller**

1. What is Miller’s full name?

2. Where was he born?

3. In what year?

4. When did he die?

5. Where did Miller attend college?

6. What degree did he receive there?

7. Why did Miller not have to serve in World War II?

8. Name another play Miller wrote besides *The Crucible.*

9. Before what committee did he have to appear in 1956?

10. In May 1957, what was he found guilty of?

11. What happened in August 1958?

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

13. What do Mary Slattery, Inge Morath, and Agnes Barley have in common?

**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**](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/database/mccarthyism.html)

14. Who was Joseph McCarthy?

15. What was his public accusation?

16. Who was Edward R. Murrow and what did he accomplish?

17. Name three artists mentioned in the article who were singled out as Communists.

a.

b.

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, go ahead. However, it’s not required for those who like some element of surprise).

[**http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/crucible/characters.html**](http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/crucible/characters.html)

18. Identify + Describe the following characters:

1. John Proctor
2. Elizabeth Proctor
3. Abigail Williams
4. Mary Warren
5. Rev. Parris
6. Rev. Hale

g. Tituba

**The Hammer Falls**

This site makes comparisons between Arthur Miller and *The Crucible.* [**http://home2.pacific.net.sg/~tankokpieo/index.htm**](http://home2.pacific.net.sg/~tankokpieo/index.htm)

19.  *Click first on “The Victim and the Victimized- How McCarthyism affected Miller.”* Read the excerpt from Miller’s biography. What event prompted people to turn to the Communist party, including people Miller knew?

20. When and why did Communism begin to be seen as “a serious threat”?

*Now, click on “Drawing the Lines.”* Read through the parallels made between characters in *The Crucible* to real people involved in the McCarthyism fiasco.

21. Senator Joseph McCarthy is comparable to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They are similar in terms of their shared qualities of rigidity, fanaticism, and power.

22. McCarthy is also comparable to Reverend Samuel Parris in terms of their shared qualities of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

23. Describe how Miller is similar to John Proctor.

24. Describe how Congress and the Senate are similar to Mary Warren.

25. Describe how the American public is similar to the Reverend John Hale.

26. Describe how the American intellectuals are similar to Elizabeth Proctor.

**. Salem Witch Museum website. Click on “The Salem Witch Trials of 1692.”**

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

[**http://www.salemwitchmuseum.com/**](http://www.salemwitchmuseum.com/)

27. The daughter and niece of whom became sick in 1692?

28. 19 people were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, one man was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and seventeen others died \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a result of the witch trials.

29. What four factors “created a fertile ground for fear and suspicion” in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, according to the article?

a.

b.

c.

d.

30. A “belief in the power of the accused to use their invisible shapes or spectres to torture their victims” is known as what type of evidence?

**Salem Witches Continues on a new website**

**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salem\_Witch\_Trials#The\_events**

31. What was the process by which a person went from being accused to being hanged for Witchcraft?

32. What "evidence" did the witnesses and accusers present to the courts?

33. What was done with the bodies of the hanged?

**Puritans**

**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan**

34. When and where was the Puritan Church established?

35. What two theological approaches did it fuse?

36. What did Puritans believe about the role of God in society?

37. What issue was central to the faith of Puritans?

38. How did Puritans view Satan and his power in the world? (briefly)

39. How were women viewed in the Puritan Church and family? Why?