***The Crucible* Character Analysis Essay**

This assignment is a character analysis essay in which you will analyze a character’s journey through the Salem Witch Trials as Arthur Miller portrays them in his play *The Crucible*. You will include a thesis statement that makes an overall observation about your character’s motivation, choices, and change. There are some organizational suggestions for the essay below. This does not mean that it is only a five paragraph essay. Your intro should include the T.A.G. and your thesis/claim. Make sure that you tell your reader what you are talking about. You are answering the following questions within the Body of the text (Note: it may take you two paragraphs to respond to one question:

* 1st **body** paragraph – What motivates this character’s behavior?
* 2nd **body** paragraph – What choices does the character make that affect the outcome of his or her situation?
* 3rd **body** paragraph – How does he or she change by the end of the play?

Through analysis and documentation (finding quotes and providing commentary), you will prove your thesis statement by answering the questions. Throughout the play, the characters and their personalities change through their motivations, their choices, and their actions. You will need to look back through the play to find significant quotes that reveal these changes in order to fully support your paper.

**THESIS STATEMENT:** (This is a suggestion!)

Since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is motivated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, his/her decision to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ creates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the end of the play.

As always, this is to be typed in MLA format. It should be 1 1/2 - 2 pages in length.