

# MCCARTHYISM AND THE CRUCIBLE



# WHAT WAS ARTHUR MILLER'S PURPOSE FOR WRITING THE CRUCIBLE?

In the 1950's, during the McCarthyism era, Arthur Miller was inspired to write a drama reflecting the mass cultural and political hysteria that came about when the U.S. government sought to suppress Communism in America.

This play was written as an allegory to Senator Joseph McCarthy's tactics to locate communists in America. Read and annotate the article "McCarthyism." You will need to have a minimum of 40 annotations.

# WRITTEN RESPONSE:

After annotating, on the back side of the article, write a well developed response (minimum of 2 paragraphs, 7-10 sentences each) on how the events of Act 1 compare to McCarthyism. Use at least 2 pieces of evidence in each paragraph to show your comparison between the two. Be prepared to share this response with the people in your area next time. **Refer to your character map, if needed.**