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The Crucible Web Search

Use the following three (3) websites to research information on the Internet about the Salem Witch Trials, *The Crucible*, and McCarthyism. In the spaces on this sheet, record specific, pertinent information you learned from each site. Superficial, disconnected information is not acceptable. ***WRITE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.*** When you finish, look over the “*Understanding The Crucible*” website, in order to familiarize yourself with the story.

The Salem Witch Trials 1692—A Chronology of Events

<http://www.salemweb.com/memorial/>

Directions: Write three (3) pertinent facts from this website regarding the Salem Witch Trials.

1.

2.

3.

Famous American Trials—Salem Witchcraft Trials—1692

<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/salem.htm>

1. Read the first two (2) paragraphs of “AN ACCOUNT OF EVENTS IN SALEM” on the bottom of the homepage. According to this section, what five combinations of conditions account for the accusations, trials and executions (if you read it, the answer is obvious).

2. Choose a biography and write a one-paragraph summary of the life of that person.

3. Who is the author of “The Crucible”? _____

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4. "The Crucible" was written *in response to* what political scandal in the 20th century (1900s)? _____
5. Include AT LEAST three lessons we are to learn about "witch hunts" or social hysteria (you may find the "Teaching Tool 3" link at the bottom of the homepage helpful.)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Just for fun!

6. Examine all of your options under "You're Accused"
7. Play Salem Witchcraft Jeopardy and see how you do.

American Masters: McCarthyism

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/database/mccarthyism.html>

8. What was the time period of McCarthyism? _____
9. Explain "McCarthyism" in 1-2 sentences.
10. Why was this phenomenon called "McCarthyism"?
11. List the names of three (3) people who were wrongly accused.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Understanding the Crucible

www.shmoop.com/literature (Click "C" for "The Crucible"). Browse this site to gain a general understanding of the story.