

Welcome to AP Language and Composition. Together, we will examine the rhetoric of America as we prepare together for the AP Language and Composition exam in May of 2019.

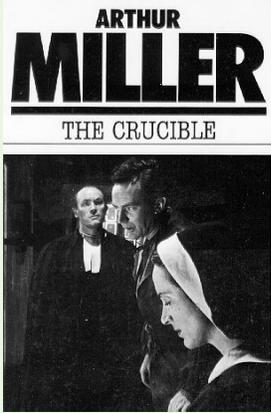
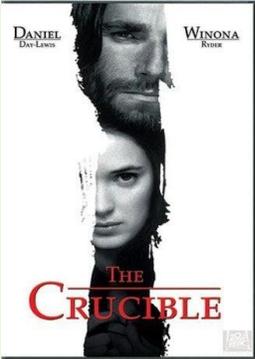
To hit the ground running, we are asking you to read one short text and complete simple related assignments over the summer: *The Crucible*, a play by Arthur Miller. In addition to the readings, we are asking you to watch three short videos that will provide needed context and background information for your reading.

Note that you will need to have access to a computer with Internet service in order to complete each part of the assignment. You may use your own computer or you may access one at a local public library.

Complete the readings and assignment **before** school starts next fall. If you have any questions, please email us.

Sincerely,
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	What to do...	Accompanying Assignment:	
1.	Watch this cheese-tastic and super dramatic YouTube video which gives background information about Arthur Miller, Joseph McCarthy, the Red Scare, and The Salem Witch Trials (12-ish minutes).	None. Just watch and learn.	
2.	Watch this 3-minute Shmoop summary of The Salem Witch Trials . Optional: If you want to know more about the Salem Witch Trials, check out this documentary from the History Channel. (44 minutes)	Nothing. Enjoy.	

3.	Watch this short summary of <i>The Crucible</i> (4 minutes).	Nothing. Enjoy.	
4.	<p>Read <i>The Crucible</i> by Arthur Miller.</p> <p>(You will need to obtain your own copy and bring it with you to class on the first day of school.)</p> <p>If you cannot find the book or do not want to purchase your own, you may access the full text through this link.</p>	<p>Complete the SoapsTone handout for the play, available at this link. Be thoughtful and thorough in your responses.</p> <p>When you are finished, turn it in by hitting the “Turn In” button in the upper right of the page.</p>	
6.	<p>Optional: Stream (for free) the 1996 movie version of <i>The Crucible</i> starring Wynona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis (who is married to Arthur Miller’s daughter). Arthur Miller actually wrote the screenplay for the movie. Now isn’t that neat?</p> <p>**It is not a good idea to watch the movie as a replacement for the reading. Just saying.</p>	Nothing. Enjoy. (But please fast forward past the dance scene if you are uncomfortable with a ½ second of bare body parts.)	

Note: In order to get to the links, you will have to access the CCCHS website and click on the “Summer Reading” link.