

Things You Need to Know

Due Monday, November 12th

Background: Puritanism

1. What is Puritanism?

2. What is predestination?

3. What is the Puritan Covenant of Grace?

4. What is the Covenant of Works?

5. Why were people upset with William Laud?

6. **Five Basic Beliefs:** In your own words, explain what you think each means; connect titles to beliefs.

a) Total Depravity

b) Unconditional Election

c) Limited Atonement

d) Irresistible Grace

e) Perseverance

Arthur Miller

1. How old was Arthur Miller when he died? _____

2. **Overview:** How would Arthur Miller’s dramas be described?

3. What were Arthur Miller’s major themes?

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4. Where did he go to college? _____

5. Who was her married to? For how long? _____

6. How would Arthur Miller describe his marriage?

7. How many times was he married? _____

8. What was the age difference between him and his fiancé, Agnes Barley? _____

Did You Know?

1. In your own words—what are the four different definitions of Crucible? (B) Try to connect each of these to the play, “The Crucible.”

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2. What interesting connection did the star of the movie, *The Crucible* have with the author, Arthur Miller?

3. What is spectral evidence?

4. What sets the tone of the beginning of the play?

5. Why did Arthur Miller often have characters quote the Bible?

6. What did Miller want to write about in 1950?

7. Why did some liberals keep their discomfort with the inquisitors' violations of civil rights quiet?

The Political Stage

1. Who is McCarthyism named after? _____

2. Explain McCarthyism.

3. Who were especially targeted during the McCarthyism period?

4. What was the common reaction to those unsympathetic to Nazism or Communism?

5. What did Arthur Miller learn from non-Jewish refugees?

6. What did Elia Kazan do?

b. How is what he did different than Arthur Miller?
