***The Crucible* Persuasive Essay**

Your assignment is to write a **four-paragraph** persuasive essay answering **one** of the following prompts:

**Prompt #1: POWER:** Which character holds the most power in the play?

**Prompt #2: PROCTOR:** Make an argument for or against John Proctor. Does he have integrity or is he beyond redemption?

**Prompt #3: COURAGE:** Which character in the play exhibits the most courage in the play? How does this character show more courage than others?

**Prompt #4: EGO VS JUSTICE:** Select one character and argue how their ego blinded their sense of judgement.

**Step 1: Outline:** Create an outline following the template provided. You must have all the elements of your paper within this outline.

DUE DATE:

**Step 2: Self-edit:** Using your outline as a guide, you will create a Rough Draft which you will then self-edit in class using the checklist provided.

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**Step 3: Paper:** Your final paper should be an (almost) exact reflection of your outline. You will turn your paper in digitally, as well as turning in a hard copy to your teacher. Because this is a long-term assignment, the due date is non-negotiable. Meaning, if you are absent on the essay’s due date, you are still responsible for turning it in on time.

Your paper should have the following:

* An MLA heading, complete with: your name, your teacher’s name, the class, and date (day, month, year)
* An introduction paragraph with a fully formed and arguable thesis statement
* Two body paragraphs, both of which should be CEIEI. This means, you will have four pieces of evidence total
* A conclusion paragraph

DUE DATE:

Your name

Teacher’s name

American Literature

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Outline

1. Introduction Paragraph
   1. Thesis statement
2. Body Paragraph 1
   1. Claim
   2. Evidence
   3. Interpretation
   4. Evidence
   5. Interpretation
3. Body Paragraph 2
   1. Claim
   2. Evidence
   3. Interpretation
   4. Evidence
   5. Interpretation
4. Conclusion Paragraph