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The Crucible Essay

Write a five-paragraph essay to answer the following question.

Explain why the title of the play is appropriate. Use events, characters or ideas from The Crucible to support your explanation.

A crucible is defined by Webster's three ways.

1. a vessel [like a pot] used for melting [...] a substance that requires a high degree of heat
2. a severe test
3. a place or situation which concentrated forces interact to cause or influence change or development

Your essay should be properly organized with an introduction paragraph, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion paragraph.

- The introduction must include a **thesis statement** and may include any background information along with hints about the ideas in the body paragraph. You should open your essay with a "grabber" or "hook".
- The body paragraphs should be developed with explanation, examples, or details, but they must include **clear references to the text**. DO NOT assume the reader understands how the play relates to what you are saying. Tell the reader exactly how an event, character, or idea is related to a crucible.
- The conclusion should include a statement that reminds the reader of the thesis but is different because it reflects the information given in the body. You should also summarize the key points you have emphasized during your essay. Lastly, it is often a good idea to end with a thought provoking sentence.