

Thesis, Topic Sentence and Quote Analysis Practice

Given the thesis and topic sentence below, please choose the best quote and analysis that fits for this essay.

Thesis

The Crucible is an appropriate title for Arthur Miller's play because several characters face severe tests.

Topic Sentence

Mary Warren is another character who faces a severe test and helps to prove the title of the play is appropriate.

Choice #1

When Governor Danforth says to Mary that "God damns all liars" (101), he is clearly putting her in an extremely difficult position. She is faced with the fact that her life is now in danger because the girls are pretending that she is a witch. Given this fact, she could face jail time or be hanged as a witch. Danforth further shows the difficulty Mary faces by asking her "Has Mr. Proctor threatened you for this deposition?" (101). This is clearly a severe test where Mary must decide to save her life as the court believes the girls' antics.

Choice#2

As Mary is in court the girls, led by Abigail, begin to claim that Mary is bewitching them. Abigail exclaims, "A wind, a cold wind, has come" (108). This ridiculous act is believed immediately as Governor Danforth immediately asks Mary, "do you witch her? I say to you, do you send your spirit out?" (109). This forces Mary to choose. She can save herself and go back to the lies or she can stand up for the truth and potentially stop the witch trials.

Choice #3

In court Mary is asked to faint and this proves the severity of her test. The officials of the court are expecting Mary to faint now since she has previously done so. They want her to prove that she is faking. Parris himself says, "So let her turn herself cold now, let her pretend she is attacked now, let her faint" (106). The fact that this is severe is further proven by the fact that Mary answers him with "I – cannot faint now, sir" (106)