

The Crucible: Reputation

January 7th

Day 2: Reputation

Essential Question: When is it probable to accuse someone else in order to protect yourself or your loved ones?

Objective: Analyze the content, context, language, structure, technique, and style of drama as a genre

Do Now: Why should someone care about his or her reputation? Identify one quote from last night's reading that suggests the theme of reputation. Why is reputation something the people of Salem should be concerned about?

Notes to discuss from pages 1-14:

- Wilderness as a motif for the Devil
- The west as dark and mysterious and something to avoid (Puritanism vs. Individualism)
- Reverend Parris: nothing good to be said about him; right away focus on reputation and mentions his efforts to have people and God on his side
- Page 4: *"this predilection for minding other people's business was time-honored among the people of Salem, and it undoubtedly created many of the suspicions which were to feed the coming madness"* this image of feeding the madness is significant
- Rebellion introduced
- The West as a dark threat hints to the people's fear... the forest as the Devil's last preserve
- Dedicated folk in their beliefs and their desire to keep their town and their image pure
- Theocracy: prevention of disunity caused by material or ideological enemies
- Balance turning toward individual freedom
- Scapegoat: page 7 *"[The witch-hunt] was a long overdue opportunity for everyone so inclined to express publicly his guilt and sins, under the cover of accusations against victims"*
- *"Suspicions and the envy of the miserable toward the happy could and did burst out in general revenge."* Theme of revenge
- page 11 *"Your name in the town- it is entirely white, is it not?" "My ministry is at stake" "she will not sit so close to something soiled"*

Activity:

Reputation on Social Media

- Social Media survey: students answer questions about what they post on social media
- Reflection on reputation and representation on the internet as well as in public/ school

Discuss the significance of a person's name (refer back to *The Man in the Well*)

Quote analysis chart on the theme of reputation, suspicion, individualism

Resource: *The Crucible* text

Standard:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.2

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

Learner Profile:

Assessment: Reputation exit slip: *Discuss in one paragraph how reputation is something to protect in your life. How was reputation seen differently in Salem Massachusetts in 1692?*

Homework: pages 15-30