***The Crucible*** Essay

**Write a 3 – 4 page essay on one of the essay topics below. Make sure to use direct quotes from the play to support your answer. You need to have a pre-write and a handwritten rough draft to turn in with your typed final draft. Follow MLA format when typing your final draft.**

1. Identify a theme from ***The Crucible*** and explain why it is universal and enduring to all time periods and cultures. Use specific examples from the play to support your point.
2. Despite the way they dress and the language they speak, John and Elizabeth Proctor strike many people as thoroughly modern characters. Do you agree? What about them or their situation is modern, and what makes them purely a man and women of their time and place? Use specific examples from the play to support your point.
3. Discuss the changes that Reverend Hale undergoes in the course of the play. What is his function in the drama? What theme does Miller convey with the character of Reverend Hale? Use specific examples from the play to support your point.
4. Preserving one’s reputation is a prevalent theme in ***The Crucible***. Examine three characters in detail who are concerned with their reputations. How does this affect how they act? Is a good name more important than the truth? Use evidence from the play to support your answer.
5. How much is Abigail to blame for the events that took place in the story? Is she a victim of her society in ***The Crucible***? What events in her past and present influence her behavior? Can she be excused or pardoned because outside forces “made” her the way she is? Why or why not? Use specific examples from the play to support your point.

The ***Universal Intellectual Standards*** will be used as a rubric to grade your final draft. Pre-Write = 10 points. Handwritten Rough Draft = 20 points. Typed Final Draft = 70 points.

***The Crucible*** Essay = 100 points total.