**The Crucible Anticipation/Reaction Guide**

**OBJECTIVES:**

**11.W.6** Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

**11.W.4** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**11.SL.3** Evaluate a speaker’s point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence, within culturally diverse contexts, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice and points of emphasis.

**STEP I**:

Prior to reading *The Crucible*, on the back of the page in the “Before” column, respond to each statement by putting a plus sign (+) if you agree with it, a minus sign (-) if you disagree, and a question mark (?) if you are unsure of your belief.

**STEP II**:

For one of the statements below, write a formal response of 400 words or more explaining why you have the belief you do. This is a FORMAL response. No contractions. Full sentences. Since it is an opinion, you may use I statements but do so sparingly.

Then, copy and paste your response to the “Statement Defense” question at www.classroom.google.com. After, respond to at least two classmates in which you either or, politely, disagree with their statement.

*NOTE: All legitimate contributions to classroom discussion are valued and encouraged. However, please ensure your input is respectful. Hateful, slanderous, or disrespectful comments will not be tolerated.*

**GREAT RESPONSE**: *I see where you’re coming from Mario, but to me there is such a thing as a guilty person. The responsibility to place guilt on a person doesn’t just lie with the judicial system. I mean, just because those cops who killed Michael Brown weren’t convicted, doesn’t take away the fact that what they did was wrong. Though, I do see how blurry these lines get, but there is more to guilt than a judge’s verdict.*

**INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE**: *Lol! I think that too. Snitching to get out of trouble is soooooo lame.*

**STEP III**:

After reading the story, in the “After” column respond again to the statements. Then, reply by writing a 400 words response to a statement where your belief changed since reading the play. If not, write about a different statement than you responded to in Part II. Once again, post your journal on our message board.

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| **BEFORE** | **STATEMENT** | **AFTER** |
| 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | Confessing to a crime you didn’t commit in order to avoid punishment is wise. | 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | The difference between right and wrong is clear. | 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | It is better to die for what you believe in rather than to lie to save your life. | 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | That which doesn’t destroy us only makes us stronger. | 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | It is more difficult to forgive yourself if the person you have hurt doesn’t forgive you. | 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | Courage means doing something even though it can be difficult and fearsome. | 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | A person is innocent until proven guilty. | 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | Beliefs that are in opposition to common values should be illegal. | 8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 9. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | Justice is best determined in a court of law. | 9. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 10. \_\_\_\_\_\_ | Regardless of your job or social status, you have a duty to better your society. | 10. \_\_\_\_\_\_ |