Research Topics for *The Crucible: Historical Context and Contemporary Relevance*

**Historical Social/Political/Religious Climate of the Salem Witch Trials**
- Reasons for the Witch Accusations in Salem 1692, Puritan Beliefs Regarding Witches, and Methods for Examining and Condemning (or Pardoning) an Accused Witch **LUKE**
- Sir William Phips, Governor of Massachusetts, Increase Mather, and Cotton Mather **ZACH**
- Judge John Hathorne, Judge Samuel Sewall, and Chief Justice William Stoughton **CALEB; CORBIN**

**Historical Figures of the Salem Witch Trials**
- The Real John and Elizabeth Proctor **AARON**
- The Real Francis and Rebecca Nurse **CORBIN**
- The Real Giles ("Man of Iron") and Martha Corey **CHASE; GARRETT**
- The Real Thomas and Ann Putnam **MADDIE R.; MADI M.**
- The Real Abigail Williams, Mercy Lewis, Elizabeth Hubbard, and Ann Putnam, Jr. **ERIN**
- The Real Reverend Samuel Parris and Elizabeth (Betty) Parris **DEVIN; EMILY**
- The Real Reverend John Hale **JULIA; KEEGAN**
- The Real Bridget Bishop, Sarah Good, and Martha Carrier **McCoy; MEGAN**

**Contemporary Relevance of the Salem Witch Trials and The Crucible**
- Aftermath of the Salem Witch Trials **ASHLEY; DYLAN**
- Alien Registration Act of 1917 and Truman Loyalty Act 1947 **MIKAYLA; JOHN**
- The Blacklisting of the Hollywood Ten and the investigation/testimony of Elia Kazan **COLE**
- Biography of Arthur Miller, Dramatic License in *The Crucible*, and Arthur Miller's Comments Regarding *The Crucible** **COLTON**
- Contemporary "Witch Hunts" in America: Japanese Internment? **JAKOB**
- Contemporary "Witch Hunts" in America: The Patriot Act? ???