

## Overview:

Using BoomWriter's interactive group-writing tool, StoryWriter, teachers can conduct a fun and engaging critical literary of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. For even more creativity, have students create their own modern retelling of *The Crucible*. See below for some helpful, suggested objectives to focus your activity on.

**Grades:** 9-12

## Materials:

Computers w/Web access

Registration on [www.boomwriter.com](http://www.boomwriter.com) (free)

## Project Length

Varies with number of chapters and length

## Lesson Objectives to Consider

While participating in this StoryWriter Literary Activity, students can:

- ★ Compare and contrast social/political/religious issues from the 1690s Salem Witch Trials and the 1950s Red Scare/McCarthyism.
- ★ Identify *The Crucible's* key characters and how their actions affected their fate.
- ★ Apply the themes of *The Crucible* to events and attitudes of current events.
- ★ Focus/identify the effects that voice, tone, and suspense have on their writing in creating mystery/scary stories.

## Lesson Steps

- ★ Go to [www.boomwriter.com](http://www.boomwriter.com) to create a free teacher account or login from [www.boomwriter.com/Admin/Login](http://www.boomwriter.com/Admin/Login).
- ★ Once logged in, click on the “StoryWriter” tab from the Dashboard and select “New Book”. Click the “Custom” tab and “Create Story Start” to provide students with a prompt/directive for writing their story/analysis. Once done, click “Publish Now” to set up book.
- ★ More creative writing fun: You may also choose one of our mystery/suspense Story Starts from our Marketplace for your students to write from instead.
- ★ After setting a word limit, adding your students, selecting the number of chapters, and setting the writing and voting deadline (which can be changed at any time), provide your students with some “Guidance Notes”. Consider using some of our suggested objectives above, or have students focus on a particular literary device, theme, or lesson being taught in class.
- ★ Once you’re satisfied with the set-up, you can hit “Save and start”. Now your students are all set to log in and start writing!

## Standards Addressed

- ★ English Language Arts/Literacy Common Core Standards Aligned
- ★ Writing Common Core Standards Aligned
- ★ Technology Common Core Standards Aligned
- ★ History/Social Studies Common Core Standards Aligned