11 VCE English, 2021, Unit 2: Reading & Comparing: The Crucible vs YoW Week 2, Wednesday: Overview

By now, hopefully you have found a way that is working best for you – whether reading through the play, or watching the play, or both (best method).

I have uploaded a BETTER version of the script online (better because it has Miller's Commentaries/Notes and is easier to read; **however**, I have just discovered it is a shortened version – it does not even have Mercy Lewis in it! If you still don't have a copy of Your Book – you could keep using this version (less reading), but it might mean some questions are hard to do, in which case just give it your best answer (if you watch the live performance you should see the parts – but some questions need you to read the Author's Commentaries – which are not in the play).

I have also uploaded the Study Questions as a .docx – so that you can type your answers after the questions, if you so wish (just use a different font or colour if you do).

We need to have all Four Acts completed by early Week 4 – which means we need to get a bit of a hustle on. You will need to finish Act 1 by the end of this week (start of next week), leaving us Act 2 and 3 to complete next week at school, and Act 4 on the following Monday.

Therefore, there will be a bit of work to complete – it is work to cover today's double, tomorrow's single, and some homework for over the weekend.

Sorry it has to be this way.

I highly recommend you break this work up over 2-3 days. Don't try to do it all in one day or you'll get grumpy and start hating the text (and it's a great text!).

- ➤ Please download and read "<u>Crucible Genre, Structure and Language.pdf</u>" before you start the work. This is important as it mentions some of the main areas of **textual features** of the text, and gives suggestions of things you should look for while you study, and things you can then use in an essay.
- ▶ Please download and read the "Insight Act 1 Analysis.pdf" I think you will find it really helpful to understanding what is happening and in answering the questions.
- ➤ Please download the "Character Map.pdf" this gives all of the main characters (not all of the side characters though unfortunately) with brief details and how they are connected = helpful if you keep forgetting who the characters are.

I hope you can all manage to find the will and motivation to get through this week, so we can start afresh next week sometime.

Jake