*The Crucible*

Anticipation/Reaction Guide

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

Next, for each of the statements below, write a Deep Thoughts response as to why you have the belief you do.

After reading the story, you will answer the “After column” in response to the statements. You will then write an essay in MLA format in response to any one statement where your belief changed since the reading of the play. If none of your beliefs changed, you will write an essay supporting any one of the 10 statements.

Before Statement After

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Confessing to a crime you didn’t commit in order 1. \_\_\_\_\_

to avoid punishment is wise.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The difference between right and wrong is clear. 2. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ It is better to die for what you believe in rather 3. \_\_\_\_\_

than to lie to save your life.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ There is only one correct way to interpret the Bible. 4. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ That which doesn’t destroy us only makes us stronger. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ It’s more difficult to forgive yourself if the person you 6. \_\_\_\_\_

have hurt doesn’t forgive you.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Courage means doing something even though it can 7. \_\_\_\_\_

be difficult.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A person is innocent until proven guilty. 8. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Beliefs in opposition to common values should be 9. \_\_\_\_\_

illegal.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Justice is best determined in a court of law. 10. \_\_\_

