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The Crucible and McCarthyism common theme paper

In today's society people are racist and discriminant on both sides black and white. It's just the same as the crucible and McCarthyism because they both discriminated people to show or establish power.   To summarize, the thematic topics fear in act 2,fear in act 3, How McCarthyism shows fear and suspicion, and lastly how McCarthyism shows ruin a society. The Crucible by Arthur Miller and mcCarthyism reveals about fear and suspension ruin a society.

The crucible shows fear and suspicion in act 2 in a couple different ways. The Arthur  miller states through a couple of characters, “ John proctor, mary is it true there be fourteen woman arrested? Mary warren, No sir there be thirty-nine now…”(miller act 2 213-215). This shows fear because people would be getting accused of witchcraft, and dying because of it. Even if people were lying about it the court would go look. The girls would come and they would fake seeing the devil just to get people died.  Second Arthur shows through cheever “ I am given sixteen warrant tonight, sir, and she is one…”(Miller 749-75). This shows fear because you just don't know if your next or not. If you were accused you better hope that you didn't get a warrant because that meant you were probably going to hang. Lastly Arthur shows the theme fear and suspension “ cheever so will you hand me any poppets that your wife may keep here...” (miller act 2 757-758). The doll means a sign of witchcraft, if you get caught with one you are arrested until proven guilty or not guilty. They would use the littlest things to try to get you arrested and killed over witchcraft. To sum up this paragraph this is how act 2 showed fear and suspicion to create a theme in The Crucible.

The crucible also shows fear and suspension in act 3 to create a theme. Arthur demonstrates the theme through hathorne “ Now martha corey, there is abundant evidence in our hands to show that you have given yourself to the reading of fortunes. Do you deny it? Martha corey I am innocent to a witch. I know not what a witch is.” (Act 3 1-6). They would come up with lots of evidence against you to get you convicted to be hung. This creates fear throughout salem because people probably got accused for stuff that they didn't even do anything. The author also states through danforth and francis “ danforth and did you know that near to four hundred are in the jail from Marblehead to Lynn and upon my signature? And seventy two condemned to hang by that signature? Excellency, I never thought to say it to such a weight judge, but you are deceived…(Miller act 3 109-118). This shows fear because there's lots of people being accused of witchcraft in salem 1692.  People are getting arrested because of witchcraft and bring suspension to more people in your town. Lastly Arthur shows fear and suspension through the character Danforth by “A poppet were discovered in Mr.Proctor house, stabbed by a needle. Mary Warren claims that you sat beside her in the court when she made it, and that you saw her make it and witnessed how she herself stuck her needle into it for safekeeping. What you say to that?” (Miller act 3 633-639). This shows fear because the people you love or are friends with could be a witch. This also shows suspicion because you want to know what is going to happen next. To sum up this paragraph this is how act 3 showed fear and suspicion to create a theme in The Crucible.

Third McCarthyism creates a theme about how fear can ruin a society.  Herblock shows ruining a society in a picture by people in a car running innocent people over with a car and not having a care in  the world. They think it's okay to run people over because there hunting communists. So they would run people over just to find the communists. This is like the crucible because they hunted out the witches and ran over innocent people. Trying to find the witches in salem. They thought it was okay to run innocent people over and killing them.  Herblock shows ruining a society in a picture by people yelling at a girl trying to intimidate her. There yelling at her trying to get her to admit to being a communist. It's like The Crucible because they yelled at the people being accused of witchcraft. They would terrorize people just to admit things. No matter if they were true or not. They would use the littlest things to get people arrested or killed. This is McCarthyism shows how fear and suspension can ruina society.

Lastly McCarthyism shows how a society is ruined a society. According to Gale encyclopedia Communism “ he brought dozens of alleged “card-carrying”  communists before the subcommittee and, as a result, many were labeled subversives and lost their jobs”(Gale). This meant that no matter what someone thought you were you could lose your job because of something that someone said about you. He also stated that “ HUAC to investigate subversive actions by private citizens, public employees, and organizations suspected of Nazi ties” (Gale).this shows ruin a society because someone can look at someone and suspect nazi ties but can they prove it. The U.S. History In Context states that “ Although McCarthyism came in many flavors, all its adherents agreed that it was essential to eliminate the danger of American communism. They differed, however, in their assessment of what that danger was. Right-wingers, hostile to everything on the left, attacked liberals”(*U.S. History In Context*). This shows fear because it was a fear for American Commusium, and everything on the left attacked the liberals. So this made them scared because they were coming for them.  To review McCarthyism was pretty close as the same as witchcraft in salem in the late 1600’s.

In conclusion The Crucible by Arthur Miller and McCarthyism reveals about fear and suspension ruin a society.  To Review, the thematic topics fear in act 2,fear in act 3, How McCarthyism shows fear and suspicion, and lastly how McCarthyism shows ruin a society. We kinda have the same problem in America today people are really racist or like to discriminate each other. All of that just to show dominates or power. It's honestly pretty stupid really.

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