


# *Warm-Up*

## *8/23/19*

*Journal about  
your thoughts.  
Agree? Disagree?  
Why?*

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True or False?

- It's okay to tell a small lie to get out of trouble.
  - It's okay to make guesses about someone based on who they hang out with...that's just common sense.
  - The news always tells the truth.
  - It doesn't matter if something is actually true, only if people believe it is.
  - Crimes that threaten the well-being of others should be harshly punished.
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# *LIVING IN FEAR*





# The Salem Witch Trials

- Worried about people pulling away from their religion
  - (non-conformity could mean disaster)
- Many accused of witchcraft were otherwise looked down on by society
  - (people who were homeless, lower class, female, or had a mental disability)
- Everyone approved of the trials and executions at first...until they started to wonder if it went too far.
- <https://www.history.com/topics/colonial-america/salem-witch-trials>



When else in history have people been discriminated against based on appearance or beliefs?

- The Holocaust
- Segregation in the South
- The Red Scare in the 1950s
- Japanese internment camps during WWII
- Profiling against Muslim and Arab people after 9/11
- Others?



## The Red Scare & Joseph McCarthy

- Red Scare: <https://youtu.be/A4LpLqHNOTk>
  - Period in the 1950s. American Democracy felt threatened by USSR Communism.
- HUAC: <https://youtu.be/qkHzURumycM>
  - Official investigation of anyone suspected of being sympathetic to Communism.
- Joseph McCarthy: <https://youtu.be/IO7rTOZJGFo>
  - In charge of the trials. Gained notoriety.

# ARTHUR MILLER

## THE CRUCIBLE



## Arthur Miller

- Born in Harlem, New York in 1915
- Wrote *The Crucible* in 1953, comparing the current McCarthy Trials to the 1692 Salem Witch Trials
- Refused to testify against any of his Hollywood or Broadway colleagues, and was found in contempt of court
- <https://youtu.be/zxjhg4dr7QY>