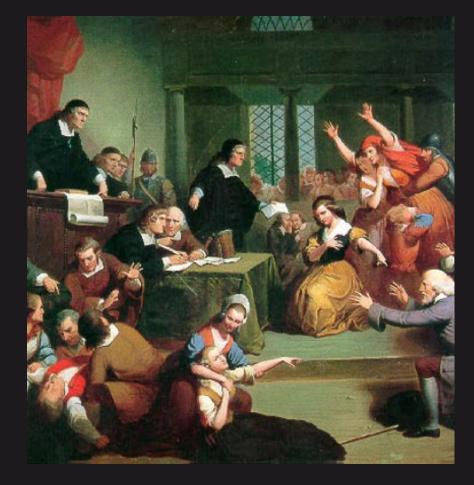
Warm-Up 8/23/19

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

## LIVING IN FEAR





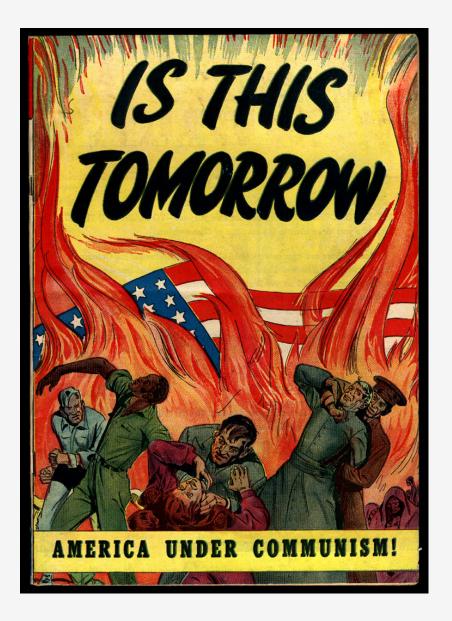
## The Salem Witch Trials

- 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.
- <u>https://www.history.com/topics/colonial-america/salem-witch-trials</u>



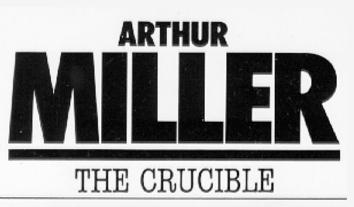
When else in history have people been discriminated against based on appearance or beliefs?

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





## **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/zxjhq4dr7QY