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Socratic Seminar (*The Crucible*)

Question/Statement (answer, agree/disagree)	Claim and Evidence	Anticipated Counterclaims and Refutations	Notes (interesting points made during the discussion)
“They believed, in short, that they held the candle that would light the world. We have inherited this belief, and it has helped and hurt us” (5).-Author’s note Do you agree?			
“It is still impossible for man to organize his social life without repressions, and the balance has yet to be struck between order and freedom” (7). -Author’s note Do you agree?			
Elizabeth: I do not judge you. The magistrate sits in your heart that judges you. (Act 2, page 55) Find evidence that supports or refutes the claim that Proctor’s			

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inability to forgive himself is one of the central conflicts in the play, and that Elizabeth does not judge him.			
Hale: Life, woman, is God's most precious gift; no principle, however glorious, may justify the taking of it. (Act 4, page 132) Do you agree with Hale's argument? (Consider Elizabeth's response.)			
Proctor: Damn the village! I confess to God, and God has seen my name on this! It is enough!...Is there no good penitence but it be public?" (Act 4, page 142) Do you agree? Do our sins and our confessions need to be made public? Why or why not?			

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Proctor: Because it is my name! Because I cannot have another in my life! Because I lie and sign myself to lies! Because I am not worth the dust on the feet of them that hang! How may I live without my name? I have given you my soul; leave me my name! (Act 4, page 143) This is Proctor's final stand. Do you think he does the right thing here for the right reason?			

Reflection:

1) What was the most intriguing claim you heard today and why?

2) What claim did you disagree with the most? Why?