School Paper: The Crucible

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The Crucible has been written by Arthur Miller. The novel revolves around John Proctor. He has to deal with the case of his wife in which she is accuse of being a witch. The trial leads to many changes in the main character. Conformity is a strong theme in this drama. He confirmed throughout the play and turned out to be a completely different person at the end of the novel.

At the beginning of the novel, John intends to hide his affair from everyone and is ready to sacrifice others just to keep himself secure. He was afraid that if he goes to the court room, to support his wife, his affair with Abigail would get exposed. The writer has portrayed John proctor as a rational man who has the strength to show his opposition to the rules and stand by his own views. At the beginning of the novel, Proctor is conceived as an outsider in the community by the audience. He had no respect for authority and his individual beliefs. He did not conform himself with the rules of society specifically, moral and religious codes. This is because he did not like Parris’s teaching style of religion and said, “His religious teachings are not right. He preach nothing but hellfire and damnation”.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Over the course of the novel, John Proctor changed due to his guilt. He felt guilty in his and God's eyes. He also feared that the community would also judge him. On knowing that, Abigail lied about witchcraft, he lost his temper and confessed in front of Danforth that he had an affair with Abigail because she wanted to kill his wife. Now he is ready to save his wife no matter what the consequences. He said that I fell in the trap of Abigail and I did not know that she wanted to take revenge from my wife.”[[2]](#footnote-2) He confessed and sacrificed his life at the end of the novel.

He was a rational man and did not want to submit himself to the religious teachings he did not believe in. Due to time and circumstances, he changed and confessed his severe crime of adultery, and redeemed himself. He sacrificed his life for his family to whom he was lying since the beginning of the novel.

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1. “SparkNotes.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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