**Study Guide: English 10H Final Exam**

**Part One: The Crucible Unit Test**

The first section of the exam will be a unit review of *The Crucible.* It may include matching, multiple-choice, and short response questions.

To prepare for this section, pay attention to *The Crucible*’s characters, major plot points, and important themes. Think about how the play was used by its playwright, Arthur Miller, to make a political statement centuries after the events which it portrays occurred. Reflect on whether the play’s themes have relevance in our society today.

**Part Two: Year in Review**

This year we have studied six major literary pieces:

*Fahrenheit 451*

*The House on Mango Street*

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

*My Ántonia*

*The Great Gatsby*

*The Crucible*

These works are commonly read in literature classes across the county because they are considered part of the *literary canon*—the group of literary works that are especially important and valuable to society because they contain significant themes or timeless lessons that connect past and present.

On the exam, you will be assigned one of the following prompts to respond to in a short essay (3–4 paragraphs):

Prompt A—Choose one of the literary works listed above and write a short essay explaining what the work tells us about being an American. What does it communicate about American ideals, values, hopes, fears, and dreams?

Prompt B—Choose two of the literary works listed above and write a short comparison essay. Consider how each work speaks to humanity about moral themes or social issues. What are some things your two chosen works have in common? What sets them apart?

Prompt C—Choose another literary text (e.g., a novel, poem, play, biography,

short story, song, etc.) from the past or present that we did not study in class but that you feel is worthy of study because of its value to society today. Write a short essay arguing why your chosen text should be a part of the American literary canon. Why does everyone need to read or experience your chosen work?