

11B Module #1- Senior Project MT/ LT #1 for *The Crucible*

Introductory Narrative

Type: **MY CRUCIBLE** in capital letters as your title in the middle of your Microsoft Word document.

✓ Now, consider the definitions, at right, for the word, “crucible.”

crucible

- 1) a heat-resistant container in which ores or metals are melted
- 2) a severe personal test, trial, or ordeal

✓ Choose one of the prompts related to the term “crucible.”

- ✓ **We’ve all experienced some sort of a “crucible.”** Describe one you experienced as a child or even as a teenager that severely tested some aspect of your life, such your relationships with family and friends or ability to be successful.
- ✓ **“Crucibles” are often learning experiences.** Consider a tough time, or mistake, in your life and discuss the lesson you learned from the personal test.
- ✓ **Some say that life’s difficulties create who we are.** Consider how difficult experiences in your life have shaped who you are- your personality, your outlook on life, your goals and aspirations.

✓ Answer the prompt with the following considerations.

- ✓ **Tell a specific story.** Rather than discussing 3 or 4 “crucibles,” choose one that you can fully explain, analyze and present to the reader. A specific story, told well, has more power than a mish-mash of stories that are only half-presented.
- ✓ **Let the characters speak for themselves.** Rather than paraphrase what someone said in your story, let them speak on their own behalf. Use dialogue and conversations to present to the reader the moments in your narrative. Dialogue will keep the reader interested and allow them to judge your characters’ motives and actions.
- ✓ **Create a platform for the reader.** For the reader to understand the importance of your crucible, you must give them a platform to be a part of it. This means an effective presentation of the setting, time and place, any necessary background information, and a way for the reader to feel that they are “in” your crucible.
- ✓ **The story is in the details.** The key to a successful narrative is in the details- the descriptions, the mood, and the world you create. Don’t overlook the importance of sensory details, when appropriate, and phrases that establish the mood of your crucible.

✓ Save and share with a peer.

- ✓ **Save as a Microsoft Word file with the following file name:**
LastNameFirstNameMyCrucible
Example: ReyesJoseMyCrucible
- ✓ **Use Google Docs to share with your clock partner.**

✓ Consider your feedback and Re-ENVISION your narrative.

- ✓ **Review the comments left by your clock partner.**
- ✓ **Re-ENVISION your narrative.** Revise areas that your feedback partners pointed out and polish all aspects of it before you submit it.
- ✓ **Review the rubric and analyze if you’ve met all the Level 3 criteria.**

✓ Share with Mrs. Lopez.

- ✓ **Share your final, polished narrative with Mrs. Lopez via GOOGLE DOCS.**