

ABSTRACT

The problem of this thesis is the confrontation between the corruption of law and the individual's self-defense in The Crucible. By analyzing this topic we can notice the real motivation that encourages the characters to violate from the law and the motivation that encourages the characters to defend their fates in The Crucible.

The Crucible tells us a story about the confrontation between bad power and good power in Puritan society. In this thesis I intend to describe how both powers are in dispute and the resolution of their confrontation. I try to present my critical interpretation supported by other fields of study.

This thesis is a desk research based on biographical and socio cultural - historical approaches. I have tried to get a lot of information from books on literature, law, sociology, politics, and criminology. Those books help me to create my interpretation on the content of the play.

In the end of this analysis I find something amazing which is different from my blunt interpretation when I read the play in the first time. I find that Abigail's attitudes toward law have ruined the social order in Puritan society, and Danforth's behavior in the play has violated public trust on justice. I also find that goodness and honesty cannot always secure our lives. Finally, I also learn that refusing to involve in social activities is not the best way to escape from the difficulties in social affairs.