Advanced Placement Lang & Comp

Colonialism Unit

The Crucible – argumentation

**Directions**

In each Act of the Crucible, identify **10 logical arguments** that submitted for various purposes. (This means that by the end of the play, you will have identified and deconstructed 40 arguments total.)

* **Infer** the purpose of the argument
* **Label** the type of argument being used: Syllogism, Toulmin or Enthymeme.
* **Organize** the argument in sequential order depending on its type.
* If an enthymeme is used, **identify** the missing component.
* **Evaluate** the validity of the Warrant or of the Major Premise

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| **Quote** | **Speaker’s Purpose for the Argument** | **Argument Type** | **Sequential Order** | **(if enthymeme, what’s the missing component?)** | **Validity or Strength of the Major Premise or Warrant** |
| Example: Parris: “We cannot leap to witchcraft. They will howl me out of Salem for such corruption in my house.” (14) – Act 1 | To persuade Rev. Parris’s early visitors not to do anything that would cause him to lose his position. | Enthymeme | Two steps: 1) You ought not label this event as being the result of witchcraft; 2) after all, if you do, I may lose my position. | The WARRANT:No one should ever do anything to cause those in power to lose their power.  | Verdict? Weak. Why? The warrant assumes that people, or this case, Parris, ought to keep his power even if there is cause for him to lose it.  |
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