Advanced Placement Lang & Comp
The Crucible
Colonialism Unit – Free Response Question

Directions
Read closely the following passage and respond.

> *From the Overture of* ***The Crucible***
> *"When one rises above the individual villainy displayed, one can only pity them all, just as we shall be pitied someday. It is still impossible for man to organize his social life without repressions, and the balance has yet to be struck between order and freedom." –Arthur Miller*

What does this passage refer to, and what are your thoughts about what it references? Provide the context that would allow someone unfamiliar with the play to understand what the passage means, and why Arthur Miller might say something of the sort.