

Paper Outline Evaluation

1. Evaluate your partner's thesis. Does it directly answer the question, **What was the one greatest cause of the Salem Witch Crisis?** and **How do your personal biases affect your analysis of the Witch Crisis?** Remember that you are coming up with a theory as to why there were executions; accusations; weird, "possessed" behavior; and panic in the town.

2. How are your partners themes? Are they too vague? (Is the idea too general? Does one them overlap with another?) Are any themes too specific? (Are they really sources or pieces of evidence rather than big ideas?)

3. Topic Sentences: Are each of the three topic sentences supporting the thesis? In other words, by proving each topic sentence, is the writer working toward proving the overall thesis of the paper?

4. Evidence:

* Does each piece of evidence support its topic sentence? The thesis?

* Is each piece of evidence interpreted well? Does the writer explain logically and creatively how each piece of evidence proves the TS and the thesis? Please suggest pieces of evidence that need to be interpreted further.

* Does each body paragraph have evidence from at least 3-5 sources?

* Can you suggest other pieces/sources of evidence to improve the outline you are reading?

* Does each paragraph have sufficient evidence (at least 5-7 quality pieces)? Is each topic sentence being proved?

* The final paper requirement is to have evidence from at least 7-10 different sources from class. Can you help your partner find more sources if s/he doesn't already have enough?

* Is your partner's interpretation college level: does s/he quote interesting words and phrases in the evidence and then go to the word level in the interpretations? In other words, does your partner explain why one particular word or phrase in a quote is revealing? Can you suggest places to improve?