

**American Literature
Virtual Learning Week 4:
April 27 - May 1, 2020**

Hello, American Lit Students! This week, we will continue our **Unit 3, on Conflict and Integrity**. Although we will not be following the original syllabus exactly, we will still be investigating the **essential questions**:

- Is personal integrity more important than survival?
- What is community and what is an individual's responsibility to their community?
- How does conflict influence a person's behavior?
- What is the impact of herd mentality?

Last week, we read a narrative piece about "code switching" and watched a short video about the same. **This week**, we will be watching an informational video, "**History Brief: The Salem Witch Trials.**" The Salem Witch Trials occurred in the late 1600s in Massachusetts, in which a group of young girls from a small town claimed to be possessed by the devil, and then blamed others in the town of witchcraft. As you will see, things got out of hand. It is generally agreed that mass hysteria played a large role in the outcome.

As you watch the video, think about the herd behavior the code switching topics from the past two weeks. How are these things all related?

We are taking a break from the Journal Entry Assignments requirement this week. You may spend time this week working on any assignments that you have not yet completed.

To complete this week's assignments, please do the following:

1. Watch the **Salem Witch Trials video** and take a few notes. The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUeoEUNgCzA>
2. Complete the opinion **poll question** posted on the Announcement Page: "What do you see as the biggest reason the Salem Witch Trials got out of control? (5 points)
3. Respond to the video in "**Week 4: Salem Witch Trials**" form in your **Assignments** tab in Microsoft Teams. (15 points)

You can also use this link to access it:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=az3jCFSmakiA4yCxxkK4i1z00RgFOxEJluci9QfDorjZUQ1RVUkEwUIJJOULTE5TWDBDVzJTWVRJQS4u>

