What Causes a “Witch Hunt”?

For this lesson, you will be reading and discussing the emotional causes of “witch hunts” in American society. It is important to incorporate all your knowledge of the Red Scare, The Crucible (so far), and the information you will read today. The opinion you form will most likely change as we continue to read more of the play, but it is important to start forming your opinion now. Be sure to utilize your notes on “witch hunts” and the causes we brainstormed as a class.

**Directions: Once you are given your article, read it, chunk it, and answer the questions found on the back of the article.**

**Find one quote to support each cause that you listed in response to question 2. Write the quote out in the space provided on your sheet.**

EXAMPLE:

Cause 1:\_\_Resentment\_\_\_\_

Quote to support cause #1: ”No matter how many good things Paula Deen has done, it is no match for one person’s hatred and determination to use her mistakes against her to bring her down.”

**After you have finished working with your article and have your quotes written down, I will have you pair up with another person. You and your partner will work together to compile evidence from your two articles.**

1. **Explain your causes and the quotes you chose for each cause. How does that quote support your cause? If you have similar causes listed, discuss the similarities.**
2. **Copy down the quotes from your partner in the space below:**

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**Quote 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Once all of your evidence in compiled, you are to write a one-page response to the following question:**

*Based on The Crucible as well as the two non-fiction articles, what is the main cause of “witch hunts” in society?*

You must use at least 2 quotes to support your opinion. Respond on the back of this page.

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