

The Crucible Sentence Pattern Practice

Directions: Write a reflection on the portion of background you have researched and we have discussed using the sentence patterns below as guide for how to construct each sentence.

Reminders:

- 1. **Simple sentence:** contains only one independent clause – an actor, an action, and information that completes the meaning. (Ex: The Salem Witch Trials took place in 1692.)
- 2. **Compound sentence:** consists of two independent clauses joined by (a) a comma and a coordinating conjunction, or (b) a semicolon. (Ex: (a) During the trials 19 people were hanged, and one man was pressed to death. (b) A man named Sir William Phips ordered spectral evidence to no longer be considered enough to convict; his wife was one of the accused.)
Note: *Coordinating conjunctions: FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so).*
- 3. **Complex sentence:** consists of one independent clause and at least one dependent (subordinate) clause. Recall that dependent clauses work together as a group of words but cannot stand alone. (Ex: The land in Salem suffered because so many people were in jail.)
Note: *Dependent (subordinate) clauses are formed by beginning with a subordinating conjunction: after, although, as, as if, as long as, because, before, if, in order that, provided that, since, so, so that, though, unless, until, when, whenever, where, wherever, while.*
- 4. Begin with an **adverb** (Ex: Similarly, hysteria was also created in the 1950s during the Red Scare.)
- 5. Begin with an **infinitive phrase**. An infinitive is the form of the verb beginning with the word "to." (Ex: To bring about the end of McCarthy and his communist "witch" hunt, those in the news had to portray who he really was so his detractors could start outweighing his supporters.)
- 6. Begin with an **adverb clause**. (These begin with a subordinating conjunction see #3). (Ex: As long as McCarthy could take advantage of people's fear and once his claims gained national attention, he could increase his level of power.)
Note that when the introductory element ends, a comma separates it from the main part of the sentence (from the independent clause).
- 7. **Use commas to separate items within a series.** Remember, the second to last item is also separated by a comma. (Ex: The fall of Senator McCarthy was ultimately caused by television, the Army-McCarthy hearings which were broadcast, and reporters who pointed out true character.)
- 8. **Appositive.** Extra information in the sentence that is unnecessary to the meaning will be surrounded/set off by commas.

ind. clause
+ 1 dep.

- 1. Simple sentence: Arthur Miller wrote The Crucible.
subject performs the verb/does the action
- 2a. Compound sentence -- w/ a comma: Joseph McCarthy was born in 1908, and he died in 1957. - 2 ind. clauses
S V S V
- 2b. Compound sentence - w/ a semicolon: In The Crucible, 19 people died; most who died were hanged for not confessing to the crime of witchcraft.
S - V - complete thought V
- 3. Complex sentence: People accused one another because they wanted their land.
S ind. dep.
- 4. Begin w/ adverb: Angrily, Giles lunged at Putnam.
adverb -ly ind. clause
- 5. Begin w/ infinitive phrase: To feel safe, McCarthy hunted communists in the U.S.
To + verb infinitive S V ind.
- 6. Begin w/ adverb clause: Because they wanted land, people accused one another of witchcraft.
dep. ind.
- 7. Items in a series: Tituba, Sarah Good, and Sarah Osburn were the first three accused.
(1) (2) (3)
- 8. Appositive Phrase: Abigail, the antagonist, is a lying whore.
appositive crazy 2 descriptive adjectives

comma + FANBOYS

