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In the Crucible, authoritative characters such as Mr. Putnam, Judge Danforth, and Abigail, use their powers to take over weak people. In “The Crucible”, the authority, has problems with the townspeople being “witches”, and wants to get rid of them. “The Crucible”, a play written by Arthur Miller, authority, allows the powerful to take advantage of the powerless because of landlust, their reputation, and jealousy.

The play conducts landlust. Arthur Miller says, “Another reason to believe him a deeply embittered man was his attempt to break his father’s will, which left a disproportionate amount to a step brother”. “In the” is quote, Mr. Putnam wants a lot of lands. He wants land so badly that he will try to break his father’s will. Arthur Miller also states, “Another suggestion to explain the systematic campaign against Rebecca, and inferentially against Francis, is the land war he fought with his neighbors, one of whom was a Putnam.” This quote explains how Mr. Putnam is willing to fight with other people, just for land. Mr. Putnam would even ruin friendships with other people such as his neighbors for land. In conclusion, Mr. Putnam has landlust in the play “The Crucible.”

In the play, reputation is important because it contributes to Judge Danforth career Judge Danforth is a judge, who works in a court and he has a reputation being it. He quotes, “This is the Highest court of the supreme government of this province.” In this quote, Judge Danforth is bragging about how he has power and overall, how he is the best judge. Judge Danforth is really

a prideful man, who likes his reputation. He also proudly says, “ I have been thirty - two year at the bar.”, he is saying he has been working as a judge for thirty-two years and how delighted he is for having a reputation for being a judge. He would not postpone the execution because it'll ruin the reputation he has, it'll only damage it. People would level him as a weak judge if he were to cancel it. Judge Danforth has a reputation in, “ The Crucible”.

In the play, jealousy is also emotion displayed in Arthur Miller's play, “The Crucible.” Abigail shows envy towards Elizabeth, John Proctors wife. She quotes, “Oh, I marvel how such a strong man may let such a sickly wife be—”, she is calling Elizabeth sickly wife, putting doubts in John Proctor's mind about her. Abigail is up for anything, as long as John, will be her's. In another quote, she states, “She is blackening my name in the village! She is telling lies about me! She is a cold, sniveling woman, and you bend to her!” She claims to John that Elizabeth is ruining her reputation, but the strong emotion here is her envy of Elizabeth being John's wife. Abigail has jealousy in the play, “The Crucible”.

In this play, it shows how, jealousy, reputation, and land lust contributes to why it allows power to take advantage of the powerless. It matters because, the authority is more corrupt, such as for us, is the government. They have more power, more ways to take advantage of us. The people, our community cares, they make protests about them. It's important for us, or else the people who live here would be too scared to speak out against them, the reason why Arthur Miller wrote “The Crucible”, too let people know, of how people were scared to say something, and the authority ended up winning and hanged falsely - accused people because the community didn't speak up.

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