

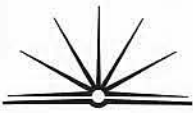
"Understanding nourishes belonging...  
a lack of understanding prevents it"

Through the close study of the play  
The Crucible by Arthur Miller and the  
famous speech, "I have a dream" presented  
by Martin Luther King the statement  
above proves to be true.

Both these texts support the fact that  
if a group or community do not understand  
each other, their ability to belong is  
not going to be as strong as it  
could be.

The Crucible is a play written in the  
1950s which is about a community  
called Salem and the struggles and  
issues that come with wanting to belong  
in a strict Puritan ~~community~~ society.

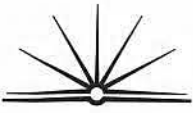
The only way people could belong in  
this community was if they followed all  
the rules and laws created by the



religious leaders. In the play we are able to see the extent a specific group of girls within the community will go to be accepted and welcomed in Salem. The group is lead by Abbigail Williams; a young girl who is so desperate to belong that she knowingly lies and accuses other people of witchery, which was a crime punished by death. Abbigail understood that was what she had to do in order to belong.

Similarly the children were "permitted to walk straight, arms by their side, eyes down and head slightly lowered." Simply abiding by this law children gained a sense of acceptance within Salem.

'I have a dream' by Martin Luther King was an inspirational speech presented in the 1960's to the American people about the Negro Americans.



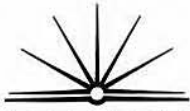
The white Americans didn't understand that the Negro's had the same rights as they did which caused <sup>mis</sup>understanding amongst the nation.

"One hundred years later the Negro is still not free." This quote shows the lack of understanding amongst the American people as the segregation of the Negro's still continued one hundred years after it began.

"The life of the Negro is seared by the flames of injustice."

This quote also supports the above statement by saying that because of the lack of understanding amongst the white Americans towards the Negro's, their ability to belong to the nation has been crippled.

In conclusion, if there is a lack



of understanding amongst a group or  
community the ability to belong is  
minimised.