

## ***The Crucible Act 1 Study Guide***

1. Why has Reverend Parris sent for a doctor as the play begins? What advice does the doctor send back?
2. About what does Parris question his niece Abigail?
3. What is Parris's main concern?
4. What did Parris see in the woods the previous night?
5. What has Elizabeth Proctor said about Abigail?
6. Why does Abigail say she was dismissed by the Proctors?
7. Why did Mrs. Putnam contact Tituba?
8. What does Betty Parris reveal about what happened in the woods?
9. What threat does Abigail make to the other girls?
10. What happened in the past between John Proctor and Abigail? How does each of them feel about it/each others?
11. What does Rebecca Nurse reveal about the "condition" of Betty and Ruth?
12. How does John Proctor feel about Reverend Parris?

13. Why is Reverend Hale in Salem?

14. What does Giles Corey reveal to Reverend Hale?

15. When Abigail is questioned by Reverend Hale, who does she blame? What proof does she offer?

16. What ultimatum is Tituba given?

17. Who does Tituba accuse of being a witch? What is the significance?

18. Why do Abigail and Betty start accusing people at this point?

### ***The Crucible Act 2 Study Guide***

1. At the beginning of this act, John Proctor says, "It is winter in here yet." Why is the meaning of this?
2. What is significant about John's confession to Elizabeth?
3. Why has Mary Warren disobeyed her employers and gone to Salem?
4. What did Abigail Williams reveal to John Proctor? Elizabeth reminds him of this.
5. Why hasn't John told the court what he knows? To what does Elizabeth attribute his not telling?
6. What lie did John Proctor tell to Elizabeth which makes her more suspicious of him?

7. What news does Mary Warren reveal to John and Elizabeth about the trials?
8. What does Mary Warren mean when she says, "I saved her life today!"? What does Elizabeth realize when she finds out that she has been accused?
9. What does Elizabeth ask John to do?
10. Why does Reverend Hale visit the Proctors?
11. How does John Proctor respond to questions about why he has not been to church?
12. What does Reverend Hale ask Proctor to do? What does John forget?
13. What information does John Proctor reveal to Reverend Hale? What does Reverend Hale want John to do with this information?
14. Why does Elizabeth say that she doesn't believe in witches at this point?
15. What news does Giles Corey reveal to the Proctors and Reverend Hale?
16. Of what has Rebecca Nurse been accused? Why has Martha Corey been accused?
17. What "signifies" the poppet (doll) Cheever finds in the Proctors' house?
18. What does John ask Mary Warren to do? Why is Mary so afraid to do as he asks?

19. Why does Mary Warren warn John about testifying against Abigail? What does John decide to do?

### ***The Crucible Act 3 Study Guide***

1. As this act opens, what accusation does Giles Cory make?
2. What news do we learn about Rebecca Nurse?
3. When John Proctor arrives at court with Mary Warren, what does Reverend Parris accuse him of?
4. What two pieces of evidence are brought out against Proctor in regard to his Christian nature?
5. What news does Danforth tell John Proctor about Elizabeth? What deal does he try to make with him?
6. What is going to happen to the 91 people who signed the testament stating a good opinion of Elizabeth, Martha Corey, and Rebecca Nurse?
7. What does John mean when he quotes the Bible, "Do that which is good, and no harm shall come to thee"?
8. What is Giles Corey's proof that Thomas Putnam is "reaching out for land"? Why won't he reveal his source?
9. What happens to Giles Corey?
10. What is Reverend Hale's advice to John Proctor as he is about to read his deposition before the court?

11. What does Danforth think Mary Warren's appearance in the court might be?
12. When Mary Warren says that she pretended to faint in court, what is she asked to do? What is the result?
13. What does Abigail do when suspicion that she might be pretending falls on her?
14. What does John Proctor do to discredit her?
15. Who is called to back up John's testimony? What happens?
16. What is Mary Warren's reaction to Abigail's performance?
17. What does John Proctor mean when he says, "God is dead!"?
18. What does Hale do when Proctor is arrested?

### ***The Crucible Act 4 Study Guide***

1. Why has Reverend Hale returned to Salem? What is he advising the condemned to do?
2. What does Reverend Parris reveal about his niece Abigail?
3. What is the condition of Salem at this point?
4. How does Andover differ from Salem?

5. How do the proposed hangings of Rebecca Nurse and John Proctor differ from the past executions?
6. What does Reverend Parris want Danforth to do? What does Reverend Hale want Danforth to do?
7. What does Reverend Hale mean when he says, "there is blood on my head!"?
8. Why does Danforth refuse to postpone the hangings?
9. What do Hale and Danforth request of Elizabeth Proctor?
10. What happened to Giles Corey?
11. What is John Proctor's excuse for confessing?
12. What is Elizabeth Proctor's proof that John is a good man?
13. How has Elizabeth changed since we first met her?
14. After John confesses, what does Danforth want him to do?
15. What does it mean when Proctor says, "I am John Proctor! You will not use me!"?
16. To what does Hale attribute Proctor's willingness to hang? To what does Elizabeth attribute it?