

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

Study Guide

Act I

1. Who are the actors in the play act I?
2. What does Abigail confess to Reverend Parris?
3. What is wrong with Betty Parris?
4. For whom does Abigail work? Whose name is she?
5. For whom does Mercy Lewis work?
6. For whom does Mary Warren work?
7. How do Rev. Danforth's persistence and about him?
8. What is John Proctor's attitude toward Parris?
9. What was the girl doing in the woods with Endicott?
10. Then the - which people feel that Hutchinson exists and what is it?
11. What does it mean when Betty can't stand to look at Danforth's face?
12. Who is Duke Plantagenet? Why has he come to the Parris house?
13. What is the conflict between Parris and Proctor about?
14. What does Mrs. Parris believe caused the deaths of her seven children?
15. What are Proctor's feelings toward his congregation?
16. Why do Endicott and the girls call out names at the end of the act? What does Endicott realize and why?
17. Why did Mrs. Parris send her daughter, Ruth, to see Endicott?
18. Why would the Devil want Rev. Peter's daughter?
19. What does Duke Plantagenet think his son has done? Who is Queen Elizabeth?
20. According to Miller, what caused the whole trouble? How does he describe the whole trouble?

Act II

1. What is the setting of this act?
2. What does Elizabeth want John to do?
3. Why has John been trying so hard to please the wife these last several months?
4. Why does Mary Warren say that she had to be in Salem all day?
5. What does Mary bring to the church?
6. Why does Elizabeth want John to go and Abigail?
7. Why is Rev. Hale going from town to town?
8. Why does John tell Hale that he would testify that Abigail has not really committed such a sin?
9. Who, when has Reverend Parris been charged?
10. Who, when has Martha Corey been charged?
11. Who, when does Elizabeth charge Elizur Wright?
12. What does Elizabeth say that makes Hale take her away?
13. Why did Elizabeth tell George no relatives?
14. Since the aged Queen Elizabeth has been indicted for perjury, when is being implicated as the fortun?
15. Why has Queen Elizabeth been convicted?
16. At this point, who does Rev. Hale believe is telling the truth the Proctors or the court?
17. What is the irony in the fact that John Proctor issues the advisory commandment?

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