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*The Crucible*

**Act Two Questions**

1. How much time has passed since the first act?

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2. Look at the conversation and kiss between John Proctor and his wife Elizabeth. What can you infer about

their relationship?

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3. What gives Mary Warren the ability to tell Goody Proctor (Elizabeth) what she is going to do?

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4. If a person doesn’t confess what is the consequence?

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5. Elizabeth calls her husband out on his hesitation on going to Salem to try and stop the trial. What does she think is stopping him from going?

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6. How is the punishment of the court ironic?

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7. What motivation does the court seem to have?

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Ameliorate: to make a situation better or more tolerable

Jabberer: One who talks in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner

8. How does Mary Warren decide that Goody Osburn is a witch?

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9. After Mary Warren tells the Proctors of how Goody Osburn was convicted, what does Mr. Proctor point out

that there was none of?

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10. What could be motivating Mary Warren to want to continue with the trial? What does it do for her in the society?

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11. Elizabeth Proctor believes that who called out her name?

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12. What does Elizabeth want her husband to do to try and keep her safe?

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13. What does the metaphor “The promise that a stallion gives a mare I gave that girl!” suggest about Proctor

and Abigail’s relationship?

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14. What does Hale go around doing after the first day of court proceedings?

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15. What does this indicate about Hale’s character?

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16. What does Hale look at to decide if the Proctor’s have a Christian home?

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17. What question does Elizabeth contest and give Hale the answer he is NOT looking for?

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18. What is Rebecca Nurse charged with?

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19. Why do they keep saying “until an hour before the Devil fell, God thought him beautiful in Heaven”?

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20. Why does Martha Corey get charged with witchcraft?

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21. How has Mary Warren set up Elizabeth Proctor?

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22. Proctor questions “Why do you never wonder if Parris be innocent, or Abigail? Is the accuser always holy

now?” Why do you think people won’t stand up to them?

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23. What does Proctor say is walking around Salem?

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24. When Proctor says “I’ll pay you, Herrick, I will surely pay you!,” what does he mean?

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Lechery: unrestrained indulgence in sexual activity

25. What does Proctor mean when he says that “We are only what we always were, but naked now?”

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