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The Crucible Act II Comprehension Questions

Directions: Read the following questions carefully. Answer all parts of each question in complete sentences. Use specific details from the text to support your answer.

1. What is the mood at the beginning of Act Two? Why?

2. What has been happening in the courts at Salem? How is Mary Warren involved?

3. What do we learn about John and Elizabeth's relationship at the beginning of the act?

4. What does Mary Warren give Elizabeth?

5. What news does Mary Warren bring from court?

6. What does Mary say is the proof that Sarah Good is a witch?

7. According to Mary, what are the two things that will prevent an accused witch from being hung?
8. What does Elizabeth mean when she says: "Oh, the noose, the noose is up!"
9. What does Elizabeth want John to do in town? What will everyone find out if he does this?
10. Why has Reverend Hale come to the Proctor house?
11. To what is John referring when he says: "...it tells me that a minister may pray to God without he have golden candlestick upon the altar."?
12. What does Hale ask John to do? What happens?
13. What is ironic about this omission?

14. What news do Giles Corey and Frances Nurse tell John Proctor?

15. On what basis are they accused?

16. What is the significance of the poppet? How does this serve as “proof” for Elizabeth’s accusation.

17. What does John mean when he says “I’ll tell you what’s walking in Salem - vengeance is walking in Salem.”?

18. What does John tell Mary she must do in court?

19. What does Mary say Abigail will do to John if they try to expose her in court?