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The Crucible Act III Comprehension Questions

Directions: Read each question carefully and answer all parts of the question using complete sentences. Explain your answer thoroughly and use details from the text to support your answer.

1. When the act begins, who is on the stand, and of what is she accused?

2. Who bursts into the court? Why?

3. What does Mary Warren admit to the court?

4. What does Cheever say that John Proctor did when they came to arrest Elizabeth Proctor?

5. What do we learn about Elizabeth Proctor?

6. How many people signed the deposition (pages 96-97)? Who are the people who signed, and to what are they testifying?

7. What does Judge Danforth order Cheever to do to the people who signed the deposition?
8. What biblical allusion does Proctor say to Mary? Why does he tell her this?
9. What does Giles accuse Putnam of?
10. Why is Giles Corey arrested?
11. How many death warrants has Hale signed?
12. Judge Danforth tells Reverend Hale that they don't need lawyers. Explain his reasoning.
13. How does Abigail respond when accused of lying?

14. What information do Proctor and Hale make Reverend Parris admit to Danforth?
15. What do the men of the court want Mary Warren to do on command? Is she able to do it?
16. What do Abigail and the other girls pretend to feel after Mary confesses the truth?
17. What does Proctor confess?
18. What does Proctor say about his wife that eventually works against him? Explain how it works against him.
19. What do the girls pretend to see in the courtroom? Whose words do they keep repeating?

20. What does Mary claim Proctor made her do? Why does she say this?

21. What does Proctor mean when he says, "God is dead!" (Miller 122).

22. What does Hale say at the end of the act? Why?

23. In our court system today, the accused is innocent until proven guilty. In what ways does the court of Salem ignore the "innocent until proven guilty" clause?