

THE CRUCIBLE - Act II Reading Guide Questions

Please answer in complete sentences and use textual evidence with citations.

1. How has Mary Warren's attitude changed since Act I, and what changed her?
2. How would you describe the relationship between Proctor and Elizabeth in this scene?
3. Elizabeth and Proctor discuss the witchcraft accusations in Salem. What does Elizabeth want Proctor to go to Salem and do?
4. Why can't Proctor prove what Abigail told him?
5. What does Proctor accuse Elizabeth of doing?
6. As Proctor is about to whip Mary Warren, he stops short. Why?
7. Who does Elizabeth think called out her name and why?
8. What does Elizabeth want Proctor to say to Abigail? Why is he reluctant to do so?

9. Why has Rev. Hale come to the Proctor's house?

10. As proof of witchcraft, Hale points out that many people have already confessed to being witches. What is Proctor's response?

11. Who *really* stuck the pin in Abby's stomach and why?

12. According to Hale, what may have caused this tragedy to befall Salem? How does this relate to Proctor?

13. What does Mary Warren say Abby will do if Proctor goes to court to denounce her?

14. What is Proctor's response?

15. Why is Mary Warren afraid to say anything in court?