

The Crucible Revision

Plot

- Summarise the main events that happened in each Act of the play

Characters

- Explain 5 things we learn about: John Proctor, Elizabeth Proctor, Abigail, Mary Warren, Hale and Parris

Themes and Symbols

- Explain why the following themes and symbols are important to the play and what they represent/tell us about the characters – ROTTEN SOCIETY, IMPORTANCE OF A NAME, HYSTERIA, WITCH TRIALS, POWER and ACCUSATIONS

Quiz Questions

1. What is one result of the severity of the Puritanical theocracy in Salem?

- Everyone is at liberty to do what they think is right.
- Everyone agrees about the nature of holiness and devotion.
- Everyone is considered either good or evil with no middle ground.
- Everyone is fundamentally happy with the government.

2. What does the hysteria enable the townspeople to do?

- Disassociate from their religion
- Get revenge on anyone they want
- Feel guilty about their emotions
- Impeach the religious leaders of the town

3. What is one way in which the witch trials can be read as symbolic of the McCarthy era in America?

- Suspected Communists were treated much the same way as accused witches in The Crucible.
- Both cases of hysteria were started by the unreliable and vindictive testimony of one woman.
- The authority figures in both situations said God was directing their actions.
- There were no real witches in Salem, and no real Communists in 1950s America.

4. What does John Proctor hope the revelation of his adultery will do to the witch trial system?

- Prove that the witch hunts are actually productive
- Prove that those accused of witchcraft have committed sins
- Prove that he is the one who should be punished in the situation
- Prove that accusations are not an accurate source of evidence

5. Where does Abigail's authority come from?

- Her experience with married men
- Her claims of religious righteousness
- The townspeople's constant respect of her
- Her powerful nuclear family

6. Why won't Judge Danforth honor Reverend Hale's request to pardon the prisoners who won't confess?

- Because he believes they are guilty
- Because the integrity of the court is at stake
- Because he likes to see them hanged
- Because he does not respect Reverend Hale's opinion

7. Why doesn't Giles enter a plea in response to the charges against him?

- Because he wants his land to go to his sons
- Because he is actually guilty of the crimes
- Because he won't give Judge Danforth the satisfaction
- Because he doesn't understand the charges

8.. What is John Proctor's reason for holding out?

- He wants to stand by his own religious conviction.
- He is too attached to Elizabeth and his family.
- He fears that Abigail has too much power.
- He wants his opponents to feel guilty about his death.

9.. What does John Proctor do with his own confession?

- He signs it and allows it to be posted on the church door.
- He tears it up and renounces it.
- He gives it to Elizabeth to burn.
- He tries to blackmail Judge Danforth with it.

10. Why doesn't Elizabeth try to convince John Proctor to save himself?

- Because she admires his desire to do what is right
- Because she no longer feels anything for him
- Because she thinks he deserves to be hanged
- Because she still blames him for his extramarital affair