

The Crucible: Act I

Dramatic Conventions: Be able to define each term and apply each term to the play.

drama _____

act _____

scene _____

aside _____

stage directions _____

Enrichment Activity 1: Characterization

DIRECTIONS: For the following characters, use direct and indirect characterization to identify the character's main motivation and conflict, and what characteristics this reveals about their personality and their overall effect on the plot

ABIGAIL	
MAIN MOTIVATION	TO BE WITH JOHN PROCTOR
MAIN CONFLICT	SHE CAN'T BE WITH JOHN BECAUSE HE IS MARRIED; WANTS TO GET RID OF ELIZABETH
PERSONALITY	MANIPULATIVE, CONNIVING, LUSTFUL, VENGEFUL, CONTROLLING
EFFECT ON PLOT	SHE STARTS ACCUSING OTHERS AFTER TITBUA CIS FORCED TO CONFESS
REV. PARRIS	
MAIN MOTIVATION	
MAIN CONFLICT	
PERSONALITY	
EFFECT ON PLOT	
JOHN PROCTOR	
MAIN MOTIVATION	
MAIN CONFLICT	
PERSONALITY	
EFFECT ON PLOT	

THOMAS PUTNAM	
MAIN MOTIVATION	
MAIN CONFLICT	
PERSONALITY	
EFFECT ON PLOT	
REV. JOHN HALE	
MAIN MOTIVATION	
MAIN CONFLICT	
PERSONALITY	
EFFECT ON PLOT	
TITUBA	
MAIN MOTIVATION	
MAIN CONFLICT	
PERSONALITY	
EFFECT ON PLOT	
GILES COREY	
MAIN MOTIVATION	
MAIN CONFLICT	
PERSONALITY	
EFFECT ON PLOT	

TYPE 1 WRITING: What is your prediction for Act Two?

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Act One. Guided Reading Questions

1. Why has Reverend Parris sent for a doctor as the play begins?
2. What advice does the doctor send back?
3. What does Parris question his niece Abigail about?
4. What is Parris' main concern?
5. What did Parris see in the woods the previous night?
6. What has Elizabeth Proctor said about Abigail?
7. Why does Abigail say she was dismissed by the Proctors?
8. What rumors have circulated the town about Betty Parris?
9. Why did Mrs. Putnam contact Tituba?
10. Who does Abigail accuse of conjuring spirits at this point?
11. What does Betty Parris reveal about what happened in the woods?

12. What threat does Abigail make to the other girls?

13. What happened in the past between John Proctor and Abigail?

14. What is the function of Rebecca Nurse in the play?

15. How does John Proctor feel about Reverend Parris?

16. What is the dispute between John Proctor and Thomas Putnam?

17. Why is Reverend Hale in Salem?

18. What does Giles Corey reveal to Reverend Hale?

19. When Abigail is questioned by Reverend Hale, who does she blame? What proof does she offer?

20. What ultimatum is Tituba given?

21. Who does Tituba accuse of being a witch?

22. Why does Abigail start accusing people at this point?

23. Why does Betty Parris start accusing people?

