

The Crucible Study Guide
Act II

Name _____

1. At the beginning of this act, John Proctor says, "It's winter in here yet." Why is this pertinent to what is going on?
2. Why has Mary Warren disobeyed her employers and gone to Salem?
3. What did Abigail Williams reveal to John Proctor? (Elizabeth reminds him of this.)
4. Why hasn't John told the court what he knows?
5. To what does Elizabeth attribute this? (his not telling)
6. What lie did John Proctor tell to Elizabeth which makes her more suspicious of him?
7. What news does Mary Warren reveal to John and Elizabeth about the trials?
8. What does Mary Warren mean when she says, "I saved her life today!"?
9. What does Elizabeth realize when she finds out that she has been accused?
10. What does Elizabeth ask John to do?
11. Why does Reverend Hale visit the Proctors?
12. How does John Proctor respond to questions about why he has not been to church?
13. What does Reverend Hale ask Proctor to do?
14. What information does John Proctor reveal to Reverend Hale?
15. What does Reverend Hale want John to do with this information?
16. Why does Elizabeth say that she doesn't believe in witches at this point?
17. What news does Giles Corey reveal to the Proctors and Reverend Hale?
18. What has Rebecca Nurse been accused of?
19. Why has Martha Corey been accused?
20. Why do Ezekial Cheever and Marshal Herrick arrive at the Proctor home?
21. Explain why Cheever is both astonished and afraid when he finds the poppet with the needle in it?
22. What does John ask Mary Warren to do?
23. Why is Mary so afraid to do as he asks?
24. Why does Mary Warren warn John about testifying against Abigail?
25. What does John decide to do?