

1. What is the setting of The Crucible?
2. Look up the meaning of the word “crucible” and explain why the novel might be entitled this.
3. Explain **when and why** Arthur Miller wrote the novel.
4. The novel explains that Parris “cut a villainous path”. Please explain what this means. Use the context clues provided in the text and your knowledge of root words to answer.
5. Explain how children were expected to behave in Salem, using text evidence to support your answer.
6. Explain in 1 paragraph what life was like in Salem and use details from what we read in class to answer.
7. Explain in 1 paragraph how the people of Salem viewed the woods or the forest. Explain why.
8. Compare and contrast Salem and Jamestown ONLY using evidence from the text we read in class to answer.
9. What do we already know will be a major theme in this novel? Explain.
10. What children are showing bizarre behavior or looking like they may be “ill” in the village? Describe each of their behaviors and explain why it is thought that they are “ill”.
11. Explain in detail how Abigail is described and introduced from the very beginning of the novel. What could this possibly be foreshadowing?
12. What seems to be Parris’ biggest concern regarding his daughter’s illness? Use details and text evidence to explain.