

“The Crucible” Act 3 & 4 Questions

ACT THREE

1. Why is Giles Cory expelled from court? Why won't Danforth hear his evidence? Why is Cory arrested?
2. Why is Mary Warren in court? What does she tell Danforth? Why is Danforth suspicious of her and of Proctor? Why does Proctor remind her of the angel Raphael?
3. How does Parris nullify Proctor's testament? How is Giles's deposition turned against him?
4. What is the professed purpose of the court? Why doesn't the court need witnesses? What does this suggest about the proceedings?
5. Why does Proctor confess lechery? Why does he think Danforth and Hathorne will believe his confession? Why don't they believe him?
6. How is Elizabeth's testimony used against Proctor? Why is this an unfair test of Elizabeth's word against John's?
7. How does Abigail turn the court against Mary Warren?
8. Why does Hale denounce the proceedings? What should have been the effect of his denunciation? Why is it not?

ACT FOUR

1. What is the effect of Sarah Good's and Tituba's talk about flying south? Why does Miller include it?
2. How has Parris changed? Why doesn't the news that Abigail and Mercy have left town affect the decision of the court? How is Danforth a victim of his own logic?
3. Why has Hale returned? How has he changed? Why has he changed?
4. Why does Danforth allow Elizabeth to speak to John Proctor? How has she changed toward her husband? Why doesn't she take Hale's advice?
5. How and why does Giles die? Why wasn't he hanged?
6. Why does Proctor confess? Why will he not name names? Why will he not let Danforth have his signed paper?
7. Why does John Proctor choose to hang? What does he thereby accomplish?