

Name: _____ PERIOD: 1 2 3 6 7

The Crucible: Act 1 Reading Guide (Ausley – WEB HANDOUT)

1. What is the setting (time and place) of the play?
2. Make a list of at least five words that describe Reverend Parris.
3. Describe the town.
4. How did the village's residents regard the forest and its Indians inhabitants?
5. What behaviors of Betty Parris and Ruth Putnam made some feel they were possessed by witches?
6. What did Reverend Parris see in the woods?
7. Why was Abigail discharged from service at the Proctor household?
8. How do the Putnams feel about the possibility of witchcraft in Salem?
9. Why is Thomas Putnam a bitter man?
10. What is Mary Warren's great fear?
11. When Betty "wakes up," what does she reveal about Abigail?
12. Who is in control of the group of girls?
13. Describe John Proctor.
How does Abigail react to him?

What does he tell her?
14. What does Abigail say about the rumors of witchcraft?
15. Do you think Abigail really loves John Proctor? Support your answer.

16. What does Rebecca Nurse believe is afflicting Betty?

What caution does she offer?

17. Why do some people resent Francis and Rebecca Nurse?

18. Which of the characters are openly critical of Parris?

19. What does Rev. Parris accuse John Proctor of?

What does Thomas Putnam accuse John Proctor of?

20. Describe Reverend John Hale.

21. What confession does Mrs. Putnam make to Hale?

22. What special purpose does Giles Corey serve in the play?

23. Why does Tituba confess?

24. How does Reverend Hale make Tituba feel important?

25. Who does Tituba say are also witches?

26. How do Abigail and Betty take advantage of what is happening to make sure they will not be blamed for dancing in the forest?

27. Provide two examples of foreshadowing in Act I.
Example 1:

28. Example 2: