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The Crucible: Act 3 Reading Guide (Ausley – WEB HANDOUT)

1. Act 3 opens in the anteroom of the court with the voice of Judge _____ questioning Martha Corey.
2. The judge claims the court has evidence that Martha Corey has engaged in what practice associated with witchcraft?
3. Giles Corey claims to have evidence that _____ is “reaching out for land.”
4. Giles Corey says, “I have broke charity with the woman, I have broke charity with her.” With whom does he feel he has “broke charity” and why does he feel this way?
5. Francis Nurse pleads with Judge Danforth, telling him that he has proof to offer the court. What kind of proof does he claim to have?
6. Who arrives with Proctor?
What does this person tell Judge Danforth?
7. Mr. Cheever comes forth with evidence against Proctor to which Proctor responds, “It were a temper sir, I knew not what I did.” What is Proctor talking about?
8. Mr. Cheever speaks a second time against Proctor. What does Cheever tell Judge Danforth that Proctor had done on Sunday that would suggest Proctor is not a Christian?
9. What news does John Proctor learn from Danforth about Elizabeth that causes him to say, “then she must be! That woman will never lie, Mr. Danforth.”?
10. Proctor gives Judge Danforth a list of 90+ signatures. What kind of statement have these people signed?
11. What does Rev. Parris suggest should be done to the 90+ people that have signed the testament?
12. What does Danforth do concerning the 90+ people?
13. Explain the following statement: “I have brought trouble on these people.” Who says it?
What is (s)he talking about?
14. Who are Raphael and Tobias?
15. What is the Apocrypha?
16. What compliment does Danforth give Giles Corey?
17. Giles Corey is asked if he has had legal training. How does Corey respond?
18. Why, according to Giles Corey, would it be profitable to Thomas Putnam for George Jacobs to be hanged for witchcraft?
19. For what is Giles Corey arrested?

20. According to Danforth, witchcraft is an “invisible crime.” Explain.

21. Danforth says, “you are either lying now or you were lying in court, and in either case you have committed perjury and you will go to jail for it.” To whom is he speaking?

22. Proctor says, “There might also be a dragon with five legs in my house, but no one have ever seen it.” What is he talking about?

23. Proctor tells Danforth that Abigail was “twice this year” put out of the meeting house. Why, according to Proctor, was she put out?

24. How does Rev. Parris justify his niece’s behavior?

25. To prove that what she now claims was pretense in court, what is Mary Warren asked to do?

26. How does Mary Warren respond to the request?

27. Explain the statement, “I have known her, sir. I have known her.”

Who says it?

About whom is (s)he talking?

28. Explain the statement, “I have made a bell of my honor. I have rung the doom of my good name.”

Who says it?

29. Proctor claims that his wife is innocent **except** for what?

30. Complete Proctor’s statement: “There are them that cannot sing, and them that cannot weep—my wife cannot _____.”

31. In the context of the time and this play, what is a harlot?

32. Judge Danforth has Elizabeth Proctor brought in. What exact question is she asked?

33. How does Elizabeth answer?

34. Who says, “Excellency, it is a natural lie to tell;From the beginning, this man has struck me true.”

What “natural lie” is (s)he talking about?

35. What “thing” do Abigail and the other girls claim to see in the rafters?

36. Whose spirit do the girls claim inhabits this “thing” in the rafters?

37. Mary Warren says, “They’re sporting,” and “Abby, stop it!” What do Abby and her friends say?

38. Complete Proctor’s statement, “You are pulling down Heaven, and raising up _____.”

39. What does Rev. Hale do as Act 3 ends?

40. A foil is a character who provides a striking contrast to another character. How is Rev. Hale a foil for Rev. Parris?