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The Crucible: Act 4 Reading Guide (Ausley – ALL CLASSES)

- Explain the following: "[I]t be too cold 'round here for that Old Boy. He freeze his soul in Massachusetts" (Who says it? Who is the "Old Boy"?)
- 2. What is Rev. Hale doing in the Salem jail?
- 3. What has happened to the cows of Salem?
- 4. Why does Danforth feel that Rev. Hale has no business in the Salem jail?

What does Rev. Parris tell Danforth that changes Danforth's mind about Hale being in the jail?

- 5. Who has disappeared from Salem?
- 6. What has disappeared with them?
- 7. What are the rumors about Andover?
- 8. Rev. Parris thinks the hangings should be postponed for a time. Why? (THINK: How has the social status changed for those who have been condemned?)
- 9. What does Rev. Parris claim clattered to the ground when he opened his door?

How does this happening affect him?

- 10. Seven people are to hang. <u>Why</u> does Danforth say it would not be just for the seven to be pardoned or their executions postponed?
- 11. Who says, "There's blood on my head! Can you not see blood on my head?"

 <u>Why</u> does this person feel that there is blood on his/her head?
- 12. What, according to Hale, is God's most precious gift?
- 13. "It may well be," says Hale, "God damns a __ less than he that throws his life away for ______."
- 14. Complete Danforth's statement to Elizabeth Proctor: "Had I no other proof of your unnatural "life, your dry ______ now would be sufficient evidence that you delivered up your soul to Hell!"

- 15. Have any of those accused of witchcraft confessed? ______ If so, why?
- 16. Of whom is Elizabeth Proctor speaking when she says, "She is one foot in heaven now; naught may hurt her more."
- 17. Why would Giles Corey not answer the indictment against him?
- 18. According to Elizabeth Proctor's report to John, Giles Corey gave his executioners only two words. What were they?
- 19. Why does John Proctor claim he has not already confessed?
- 20. Why does Elizabeth believe John's unfaithfulness is at least partly her fault?
- 21. Complete Proctor's statement: "Let ______ go like a saint; for me it is a fraud."
- 22. When Proctor asks why his confession must be written, Danforth answers that it will be used for "good instruction." Where is it to be posted?
- 23. What is John Proctor's answer when Danforth asks him if he has seen the Devil?

When Danforth asks if Proctor bound himself to the Devil's service, how does Proctor answer?

- 24. How does John Proctor answer when asked if he has seen Rebecca Nurse or others with the Devil?
- 25. John Proctor signs the confession. True/False? _____

26. Complete Proctor's statement: "I have given you my soul; leave me my ______."

- 27. <u>Explain</u> Proctor's statement in the preceding item (#26).
- 28. Does Proctor see himself as good after refusing to give the court his signed statement?
- 29. WHY does Proctor urge Elizabeth not to cry?
- 30. When Hale urges Elizabeth to save John, she responds, "He have his ______ now. God forbid I take it from him."