

The Crucible, Act II by Arthur Miller
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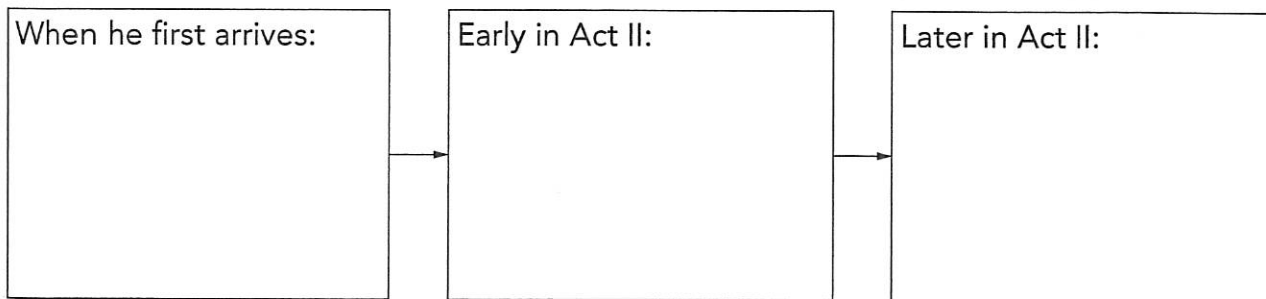
Short Answer Write your responses to the questions in this section on the lines provided.

1. As the Proctors converse in the opening scene of Act II of *The Crucible*, how would you characterize their relationship? Cite evidence from the play to support your answer.

2. In the early part of Act II of *The Crucible*, Elizabeth tells Proctor that Mary Warren has been to court and speaks of Abigail, the chief accuser, as a saint. Knowing that Mary works for the Proctors, and that Abigail bears a grudge against Proctor, what prediction can you make about the impact of Mary's attitude on her employers?

3. Early in Act II of *The Crucible*, Elizabeth insists that John should go to Salem to testify to the falseness of the witchcraft charges. What does this show about what kind of woman she is?

4. In Act II of *The Crucible*, Hale has been called to Salem to help in determining whether the Devil is taking hold of the community. As Act II progresses, he begins to show signs of inner conflict about his initial assumptions about this issue. Use the graphic organizer to trace Hale's role and his evolving views of the witchcraft scare in Salem.



5. In Act II of *The Crucible*, John Proctor initially shows some reluctance to go to Salem to expose the falseness of Abigail's charges of witchcraft. His reluctance is due to an inner conflict over what longstanding issue?

6. When Mary returns to the Proctors' residence in Act II of *The Crucible*, why does she present a doll (poppet) to Elizabeth?

7. In Act II of *The Crucible*, when Hale appears at the Proctors' door, he is described as "different now—drawn a little, and there is a quality of deference, even of guilt, about his manner now." What inner conflict accounts for this change?

8. When Hale quizzes Proctor on the Ten Commandments in Act II of *The Crucible*, Proctor has trouble remembering one of them. Which one does he forget, and why?

9. In Act II of *The Crucible*, when Hale hears that Rebecca Nurse has been charged, he is troubled. Read his allusion below to the story that the Devil was once an angel. What does he intend to point out by making this allusion?

an hour before the Devil fell, God thought him beautiful in Heaven.

10. If you noticed that your dinner companion was eating his meal avidly, would you assume that he was enjoying the dish? Explain your answer, basing it on the meaning of *avidly* as it is used in Act II of *The Crucible*.

Essay

Write an extended response to the question of your choice or to the question or questions your teacher assigns you.

11. Early in *The Crucible*, Mary Warren seems like a timid and unimportant character. What does Mary learn throughout the first two acts that shows her a way to acquire more power and importance in the community? How does she use this knowledge? Explain Mary's changing role in an essay that cites details from the play.