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The Crucible Act 3

Answer the following questions thoughtfully in complete sentences on a separate piece of paper. Full credit will only be given for complete responses of at least 2-3 sentences each.

1. Why does Giles Corey feel guilty that his wife is charged with witchcraft?
2. What has Mary Warren signed that Proctor and Giles want to submit as evidence to the court?
3. What do you think makes Judge Danforth so unwilling to consider that the girls could be pretending?
4. What bargain does Danforth attempt to strike with Proctor just to make him go away?
5. What makes Proctor want to continue in his attempt to prove the girls are lying?
6. What does Giles claim Thomas Putnam had his daughter do, and why?
7. What is Giles Corey's proof for his charge, and why will he not supply the proof to the court? What parallel does this have in the McCarthy hearings?
8. What does Hale ask Parris about those who attack the court? What is Parris' ironic response? (Miller 94)
9. Why do you think Hale wants Proctor to have a lawyer? (Miller 99)
10. Explain Mary Warren's predicament. What consequences does she face from Abigail and the other girls, Danforth, and Proctor if she goes against each of them?
11. Cite Abigail's answer when Danforth questions her about being a harlot. What is strange about her denial?
12. Why does Danforth put so much faith in Elizabeth's testimony?
13. What sacrifice does Elizabeth make for her husband? How is the result of this sacrifice ironic?
14. In what way has Hale completed his transformation as a dynamic character by end of Act III?
15. Upon finishing this act, explain how Proctor's earlier advice to Mary Warren is ironic to both of their situations: "Do that which is good, and no harm shall come to thee."

These questions are optional, but suggested. I won't be checking these off!

1. What specific evidence against Sarah Good does Mary Warren give the court?
2. How does the court "prove" that Sarah Good is a witch?
3. Elizabeth says that John has made an unspoken promise to Abigail. What is it?
4. What commandment can John not remember?
5. How does Abigail use Mary's poppet to accuse Elizabeth Proctor?
6. What charge does Giles Corey make against Thomas Putnam?
7. Danforth refuses to accept depositions outside the open court. How does this decision influence Mary Warren's testimony in Act 3?
8. When Hale signs a death warrant for this person, his hand shook "as with a wound." Name that person.
9. What lie did Parris tell in Act 3?
10. In witchcraft trials, Danforth sees no need for lawyers or witnesses for the accused.
 - a. How does he logically explain this?
 - b. What one group does have the right to give evidence?
 - c. How is this a breach of legal rights?