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Junior English Class

The Crucible Study Guide Questions for Act I

Directions: Please answer each of the following questions using complete sentences and support from the text.

Act I:

1. How does Parris view children?
2. Why does Parris have so many enemies?
3. After Parris begins to believe his daughter to be afflicted by witchcraft, what is Putnam's advice to him?
4. What truths come out when the girls are left alone to talk?
5. What has happened between John Proctor and Abigail Williams? Describe their relationship.
6. Why do people, such as Proctor, stay away from Church?
7. What is a "sign" that Betty is bewitched?
8. Why is Mr. Putnam such a bitter man?
9. Why does Mrs. Putnam believe that there are witches in Salem?
10. How does Rebecca Nurse describe the girls' behavior (why does she believe they are acting the way they are)?
11. Why does Reverend John Hale come to Salem?
12. What is the political relationship between the Putnams and the Nurses?
13. What does Parris worry that Abigail's actions have jeopardized? What does this show about Parris?
14. How does Abigail threaten the girls towards the end of Act I?
15. How does Abigail feel about Elizabeth Proctor?
16. What happens to Tituba at the end of Act I? Would you do the same?