Act III *– The Crucible* Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Factual & Interpretative Questions –Detailed responses for these questions will help prepare you for any quizzes or tests on *The Crucible*.

1. What happens when people criticize the court proceedings? Give examples.
2. Who attempts to get John Proctor to drop the charge that Mary Warren was lying? Why do they want him to do so? Why does John Proctor refuse?
3. Which character says that “no uncorrupted man may fear this court”? Is this true? In your opinion, is the statement true in modern times?
4. What is contained in Mary Warren’s deposition? What does Abigail say about Mary’s testimony?
5. What point does Hathorne make about Mary fainting? Why can’t she faint now?
6. What do Abigail and the other girls do? Why?
7. What secret does John reveal about himself and Abigail? Why does he reveal it? Why does Abigail deny it?
8. When questioned by the court, why does Elizabeth lie about John’s relationship with Abigail? What is the result of her denial?
9. How do Abigail and the girls further incriminate Mary? What does she do in response?
10. At the end of Act III, what does Hale do?

**Who is speaking in each of these lines? What does the line show about the speaker?**

1. I never saw no spirits… I cannot lie no more. I am with God, I am with God.
2. I can only say, sir, that they were dancing but I never found any of them naked…
3. She only pretended to faint, Your Excellency. They’re all marvelous pretenders.
4. I-I cannot tell how, but I did. I- I heard the other girls screaming, and you, Your Honor, you seemed to believe them, and I- it were only sport in the beginning, sir, but then the whole world cried spirits, spirits, and I- I promise you, Mr. Danforth, I only thought I saw them but I did not.
5. I have been hurt, Mr. Danforth; I have seen my blood runnin’ out! I have been near to murdered every day because I done my duty pointing out the Devil’s people – and this is my reward? To be mistrusted, denied, questioned like a –
6. She thinks to dance with me on my wife’s grave! And well she might, for I thought of her softly. God help me, I lusted…but it is a whore’s vengeance and you must see it.
7. I have made a bell of my honor! I have rung the doom of my good name.
8. I were a long time sick after my last baby, and I thought I saw my husband turning from me. And I came to think he fancied her. And so one night I lost my wits, I think, and put her out on the high road.
9. Elizabeth, tell the truth. Elizabeth, I have confessed it!
10. I beg you, stop now before another is condemned! I may shut my conscience to it no more – private vengeance is working through this testimony!
11. The wings! Her wings are spreading! Mary, please don’t, don’t, don’t!
12. Don’t touch me… You’re the devil’s man! I’ll not hang with you!
13. I denounce these proceedings, I quit this court!