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

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

1. Describe the relationship between Elizabeth and John Proctor at the beginning of Act II? How do they treat one another?
2. Where does Elizabeth want John to go, and what does she want him to do there? Why does he resist? What is his response to her prodding?
3. Why can’t John Proctor go immediately to court to expose Abigail? Why does he agree to talk to Abigail directly?
4. What is the gift that Mary Warren gives to Elizabeth? Why did she give her the gift?
5. What information does Mary provide about the trial? What role is she playing at the trial? Why does John forbid her from attending? Why does she insist on going?
6. What was the “hard evidence” against Sarah Good? What happens to those who confess as opposed to those who deny a connection to witchcraft?
7. Why does Elizabeth think Abigail wants to kill her? Is her fear justified?
8. Why does Reverend Hale come to the Proctors’ home? What does the scene reveal about Hale’s role in the trial?
9. To Hale, what things are suspicious about Proctor and his family? How does Proctor respond to each offense? What happens when John is asked to recall the Ten Commandments?
10. Hale asks Elizabeth if she believes in witches. What does she reply?
11. What does Proctor tell Hale about why the girls were ill? How does he claim to know?
12. Why do Giles Corey and Francis Nurse report to the Proctors?
13. What event begins to change Hale’s opinion about the arrests? How does he feel about the court?
14. What role does Cheever play? Why has he come to the Proctor’s home? What is revealed about his character?
15. Why is the poppet that Mary Warren gave to Elizabeth important? Why is it now evidence? What really is going on?
16. Why is Elizabeth arrested? On what grounds?
17. What will happen to John Proctor if he tries to discredit Abby? Why doesn’t Mary Warren want to testify about the poppet?
18. What are John’s plans at the end of Act II? What is your prediction for Act III?