Act IV *– 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 is the setting for this act? How much time has passed since the end of Act III?
2. How would you describe Tituba and Sarah Good? Where do they tell Herrick they are going?
3. What does Reverend Parris report about Abigail Williams and Mercy Lewis? Why is Parris afraid for his personal safety? Is he justified?
4. Why is Danforth nervous about rumors from Andover? Why doesn’t he choose to receive any pleas for pardon or for postponement of executions?
5. When Reverend Hale returns to Salem, how does he describe the countryside? How is this symbolic?
6. According to Elizabeth, how did Giles Corey die?
7. Although they are not guilty of witchcraft, why do Elizabeth and John both feel guilty?
8. Why does Proctor decide to “confess”? Why does he refuse to sign the paper?
9. When asked to make a last-minute appeal to her husband, how does Elizabeth respond? Why does she do this?
10. What decision does John Proctor make at the end of the play? How does this decision match his character?

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

1. “Tonight, when I open my door to leave my house – a dagger clattered to the ground…You cannot hang this sort. There is danger for me. I dare not step outside at night.”
2. “More weight.”
3. “I cannot pardon these when twelve are already hanged for the same crime. It is not just... Postponement now speaks a floundering on my part; reprieve or pardon must cast doubt upon them that died till now. While I speak God’s law, I will not crack its voice with whimpering.”
4. “Life, woman, is God’s most precious gift; no principle, however glorious, may justify the taking of it.”
5. “Because it is my name! Because I cannot have another in my life!... How may I live without my name? I have given you my soul; leave me my name!”
6. “He have his goodness now. God forbid I take it from him!”
7. “Let you fear nothing! Another judgment waits us all!”

Challenge: Complete a “Somebody Wanted…But…So” for a character from Act IV. You will earn full points if you use specific details and logic.

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