

The Crucible – Act I Lecture Notes

Pgs. 830-832

The setting of Act I is _____.

The significance of the name “Salem” is _____.

Reverend Parris is described as _____.

The Puritan society is described as _____.

The forest is viewed as _____ because _____.

and is a symbol for _____. The Puritans are different than the Pilgrims because

_____. The type of government in Salem

during 1692 was a _____, which means _____.

Many people used the witch-hunts, which we will read about in this play, as an opportunity to

_____.

Pgs. 832-834

Tituba is _____. She is frightened because _____.

_____. Reverend Parris is crying because _____.

Abigail Williams is introduced as _____.

Susanna Walcott is _____. She tells

Parris _____.

The “unnatural causes” she is referring to is _____. There is suspicion of this

because _____. How does Parris show his

paranoia? _____.

What is Tituba’s involvement in the incident in the woods? _____.

What else did Parris think he saw? _____. How does Abigail respond to

this? _____. Parris then asks Abigail _____.

She responds _____. He then asks _____. To which Abigail replies _____.

Pgs. 834-836

Ann Putnam enters; she's _____. A little later her husband Thomas Putnam enters. He is _____. The Putnam's inform Parris that _____. They are convinced the cause of it is _____. Parris doesn't think so, but just in case he has called _____, who is supposedly _____. We then learn that Thomas Putnam

Mrs. Putnam believes in witchcraft because _____.

When Parris again asks Abigail if she was conjuring spirits, she replies _____.

Mercy Lewis then enters; she is _____.

Pgs. 836-837

What do Abigail and Mercy do when they are alone in the room with Betty? _____
_____. Mary Warren then enters; she is _____.
_____. When Betty wakes up, Abigail tries to convince her to stop the act because she has confessed so it is not necessary anymore, but Betty says _____
_____.

While Abigail threatens the girls to keep their mouths shut about what they did in the woods she mentions that her parents _____.

Pgs. 838-839

John Proctor enters. He is _____
_____. The other girls exit, leaving Proctor and Abigail alone. Abigail's first statement to Proctor is, "I'd almost forgot how strong you are, John Proctor!" This

hints to the reader that _____. Abigail tells Proctor the truth about the witch-hunt rumors that _____ and that Betty _____.

From their next conversation, we learn _____.

Betty then starts screaming while Parris is singing a psalm downstairs. Putnam's explanation for this is _____.

Pg. 840-842

Rebecca Nurse and Giles Corey enter. We learn that Rebecca Nurse and her husband Francis are _____.

Miller provides some foreshadowing that _____.

After observing Betty, Rebecca's opinion is _____.

Rebecca advises Parris to _____ because _____.

Mrs. Putnam shows some resentment toward Rebecca when she says _____.

Proctor shows his dislike for Parris, when he explains why he no longer comes to church, by saying _____.

Parris shows his anger at Giles and the others when they disagree about _____.

Giles is shown to be the kind of guy always looking to sue someone.

He sued Proctor for _____.

Putnam then brings up his grievance with Proctor over _____.

This spawns an argument between Giles and Putnam over _____.

Pgs. 842-846

Reverend Hale enters. What background does he have in witchcraft that people regard him as an expert? _____.

What are his beliefs in witchcraft? _____.

Hale makes everyone promise _____.

Through Hale's questioning, Rebecca gets angry with Mrs. Putnam because _____.

Giles asks Reverend Hale's opinion about his wife's behavior regarding _____.

He replies, _____. The reader learns that Giles Corey _____.

Hale tries a spell to get the spirits out of Betty, but _____.

Pgs. 846-849

When Hale questions Abigail about her dancing, she admits they had a kettle with soup and says a _____ jumped in the kettle. Hale asks her if she called the Devil last night,

and she says _____. The truth comes out that Abigail drank _____.

Hale asks Tituba if she "enlisted these children for the Devil" and Tituba says,

"_____." Abigail tries to make Tituba look worse by

saying that Tituba sends her spirit on her, which _____ at church. Abigail

does all this because _____. Now, in an

effort to save herself, Tituba says _____. She then tells

them that the Devil has asked her to kill Parris, but she has always refused. Why does Tituba say

this? _____.

She then says the Devil came with _____ and _____.

Why does she do this? _____.

Abigail then says she wants to confess too and begins naming more names of witches. This awakens Betty, who begins _____.

The girls do this because _____.

THE WITCH HUNT IS ON!!!