

The Crucible
Test

Name _____

Date _____

Multiple choice: circle the correct answer to the following questions. Short answer: write a brief answer.

1. Give three characteristics of Abigail.
 - a. pretty, autocratic, puritan
 - b. befuddled, remiss, defiled
 - c. avid, partisan, base
 - d. contentious, lascivious, vindictive

2. What is the Rev. Parris' greatest concern at the beginning of the book?
 - a. that his golden candlesticks are not appreciated by the community
 - b. that his reputation is in danger
 - c. that his daughter will not be married to whom he chose
 - d. that Abigail will run off with John Proctor

3. Why is the Rev. Hale brought to Salem?
 - a. he is the witch master
 - b. he likes courtroom dramas
 - c. he convicted and hanged several others in Beverly
 - d. he wanted to make sure that everyone knew who he was

4. How do the townspeople feel about Rev. Hale?
 - a. they like them
 - b. they are relieved to have help
 - c. they don't want the witch chaos to get out of control
 - d. they could care less

5. Why do the Proctor's and the Putnam's fight so much?
 - a. there was a bad marriage
 - b. they fight over land boundaries
 - c. Goody Proctor hates everyone
 - d. Goody Putnam thinks that Goody Proctor killed her babies

6. Why does Tituba lie about what she saw?
 - a. she hates them all, so why not lie?
 - b. She is being beaten! Who wouldn't lie?
 - c. She wants to get back at An Putnam, that mean lady!
 - d. She wants to save Rebecca Nurse

7. Why does Rev. Hale want to find a witch so badly?
 - a. to prove what a great witch hunter he is
 - b. to prove that he can wear hats and have dignity
 - c. to prove that not all witches have warts
 - d. to prove that he can do the same in Salem that he did for the people in Idaho.

8. What happened to Abigail's parents?
 - a. they lost touch on the wagon train
 - b. they became slovenly and she couldn't be seen with them
 - c. they were killed by disgruntled Dutchmen
 - d. They were killed by Indians

9. What is the relationship between Proctor and his wife like?
 - a. warm and loving
 - b. distant and cold
 - c. friendly
 - d. hateful

10. Why did Mary Warren give Elizabeth the poppet?
 - a. to make her angry
 - b. to make her wonder why she would sew her a doll
 - c. to make her remember her days as a child
 - d. to be nice

11. Who is charged with murdering the Putnam babies?
 - a. Giles
 - b. Elizabeth
 - c. Rebecca Nurse
 - d. Mercy Lewis

12. What does Abigail say they were really doing in the forest?
 - a. Making soup
 - b. Dancing, but not naked
 - c. Singing songs
 - d. All of the above

13. Who caught the girls dancing in the forest?

14. Why do you think that John lied to Elizabeth about seeing Abigail alone?

15. What three concerns does Rev. Hale have of the Proctor family?

16. What commandment does John Proctor forget?

17. What was the spell that Abigail wanted Tituba to do for her?

18. And where is Tituba from?

19. What does Abigail say she will do if anyone tells the truth of what happened in the forest?

20. Why doesn't Mary Warren want to testify against Abigail in court?

21. What must John Proctor say in court that condemns himself as well as Abigail?

22. What is the "yellow bird" want to do, specifically, to Abigail ?

23. What specifically do the girls do when Mary Warren turns against them?

24. What does legend say happened to Abigail?

25. Who is brought in to persuade John Proctor to confess before he is to be hung?

26. What does Rev. Hale tell Elizabeth that he will feel responsible for?

27. How did Giles die?

28. What were Giles' last words?

29. Why won't Danforth accept Proctor's confession?

31. Why does Giles think the Putnam's accuse so many people?

Essay Questions

Write a paragraph to respond to each question.

1. How is freedom a part of human nature? How is this idea related in the novel?

2. What contradictions can you see about the “holy and pure” way of life these Puritans in Salem lived? Give at least three examples.