

The Crucible Vocabulary Act 1

Define the following words:

1. Predilection –
2. Ingratiating –
3. Dissembling –
4. Calumny –
5. Compact –
6. Notorious –
7. Evade –
8. Prodigious –
9. Defamation –
10. Evade –

Complete the following sentences using the words above:

1. Reverend Hale would not allow Abigail to _____ his questioning about what happened in the forest.
2. Tituba, the Parris family slave, was accused of _____ with the devil once the girls started to blame her for helping them conjure spirits in the forest.
3. Some families in the Salem village had a stronger _____ for believing in the existence than others before the situation with the girls' "illness" even started.
4. Due to the girls' _____ behavior after being discovered dancing the forest, their families were forced to call in an expert in the demonic arts.
5. Abigail initially has an _____ personality, which causes John Proctor become involved with her.
6. Puritans are _____ for placing too harsh of judgment on anyone who they believe to be a sinner.
7. Abigail defended herself vehemently against the supposed _____ being spread against her reputation in the village.
8. Abigail has a strong ability for _____ to the point that many of the adults in the town would believe her over what they even knew to be logically possible or true.
9. It didn't take very long for the girls to begin their _____ of other villagers in order to remove the guilt from themselves.
10. It is hard to _____ the punishment of sin in a Puritan community.

***The Crucible* Vocabulary Act 1 Quiz**

1. Predilection -	a) to avoid, dodge, escape
2. Ingratiating -	b) preexisting preference
3. Dissembling -	c) lying, concealing ones intentions
4. Calumny -	d) false accusation; slander
5. Compact -	e) widely and unfavorably known
6. Notorious -	f) avoid or escape by deceit or cleverness
7. Evade -	g) make an agreement; enter into a contract
8. Prodigious -	h) charming; flattering
9. Defamation -	i) slander; the act of uttering false charges or misrepresentations maliciously calculated to damage another's reputation
10. Evade -	j) abnormal, unusual

***The Crucible* Vocabulary Act 2**

Define the following words:

1. Pallor -
2. Ameliorate –
3. Avidly -
4. Base –
5. Deference –
6. Theology –
7. Quail –
8. Gingerly -
9. Abomination –
10. Blasphemy –

Complete the following sentences using the words above:

1. Mrs. Putnam insists that the reason her daughter is sick is due to some wicked _____ committed against her family.
2. Reverend Hale was called in to check on the girls because of his expert knowledge of Biblical _____.
3. It was Reverend Hale's intention to _____ the hysteria in Salem, but that's not how things developed upon his arrival.
4. Reverend Hale could see the sickening _____ of Reverend Parris's face when he arrived in town to help with the sick girls.
5. Even though she denied it, Elizabeth did feel that John was acting _____ to her when they argued about Abigail.
6. When John confesses he doesn't believe that the girls are victims of witchcraft and denounces God by the end of Act 3, his acts of _____ only hurt his reputation.
7. Though he was angry that he was being questioned about his Christianity, he showed upmost _____ to Reverend Hale.
8. John Proctor told Mary that she would not _____ in court as a result of Abigail's threats; he wanted her to be strong.
9. Mrs. Putnam _____ – and rather violently - pointed fingers at other women in the town who she believed to have harmed her babies.
10. Unlike when she speaks to the girls, Abigail speaks _____ to John to show her affection for him.

***The Crucible* Vocabulary Act 2 Quiz**

1. Pallor	a) low, mean
2. Ameliorate	b) make better
3. Avidly	c) cringe from
4. Base	d) the study of religion
5. Deference	e) paleness
6. Theology	f) something that causes disgust and horror
7. Quail	g) sinful act or remark
8. Gingerly	h) cautiously
9. Abomination	i) eagerly
10. Blasphemy	j) courteous regard for respect

***The Crucible* Vocabulary Act 3**

Define the following words:

1. contentious -
2. deposition –
3. imperceptible –
4. anonymity –
5. effrontery -
6. incredulously -
7. ipso facto –
8. apparition –
9. reproach –
10. immaculate –

Complete the following sentences using the words above:

1. John begs Mary to bring her _____ against Abigail to help free his wife.
2. Apparently all the adults missed Abigail's _____ lies about Elizabeth and John.
3. Witchcraft is _____, by its very nature, an invisible crime.
4. John knew that he would not be able to keep his _____ intact if he were going to bring charges against Abigail; he would have to come forward with his name and his past.
5. Mary Warren and the girls at first claim never to have seen any _____ or spirits, only to change their mind in court later.
6. John and Rev. Hale can't understand why Abigail and the other girls have such a spotless, _____ reputation in front of the judges when their behavior otherwise would bring their innocence into question.
7. When Elizabeth failed to tell the truth about John's affair, he reacted _____ to the news because he believed she would only tell the truth.
8. Giles Corey, a most disagreeable man, has a very _____ personality, and that often gets him into trouble.
9. Reverend Parris tells his parishioners that they are not in a place to _____ him because he is only doing the best for his congregation, even though many feel as if he has hidden motives.
10. Not only was Mary Warren not as timid as she pretended to be to John, but in fact, with a considerable amount of _____ she was able to accuse him in open court of being a witch.

***The Crucible* Vocabulary Act 3 Quiz**

1. contentious -	a) shameless boldness
2. deposition –	b) without fault or error
3. imperceptible –	c) argumentative
4. anonymity –	d) the condition of being unknown
5. effrontery -	e) the testimony of a witness made under oath but not in open court
6. incredulously -	f) skeptically
7. ipso facto –	g) express criticism toward
8. apparition –	h) barely noticeable
9. reproach –	i) ghost, spirit, specter
10. immaculate –	j) by the very fact, as a matter of fact

The Crucible Vocabulary Act 4

Define the following words:

1. conciliatory-
2. beguile –
3. retaliation –
4. adamant –
5. cleave –
6. tantalized –
7. pardon –
8. gaunt –
9. penitence –
10. vanity –

Complete the following sentences using the words above:

1. Even though Rev. Hale and many others presented cases worth hearing to release the falsely-accused villagers, he was _____ about going forth with the hangings.
2. Some may argue that Proctor's choice was made of excessive pride or _____, but he would argue it was his fate and punishment for his sins.
3. Upon the day of his hanging, Proctor appeared from jail in a fragile, _____ shape, but the agony of his sins had done more damage to him than any starvation, disease, or cold.
4. Rev. Hale begged on Proctor's behalf for a _____, but the judges would only accept a written confession from Proctor himself.
5. Nonetheless, John did _____ to Elizabeth in the end as a husband should do to his wife and family.
6. Rather than making any _____ for the agony she caused so many people in Salem, Abigail ran away.
7. Whenever she could, Rebecca Nurse played a _____ role to defuse the hostility among the community members.
8. It would have been very easy for John to _____ against Abigail, especially since she ran away, but he chose the high road in order to have his goodness.
9. For months Abigail _____ Elizabeth and John, making bizarre accusations and stalking John, in order to carry out her plan to steal him away from Elizabeth.
10. It doesn't make sense that Abigail would be able to _____ the court for so long with her lies, but sometimes the truth becomes clouded too many personal agendas and pride.

***The Crucible* Vocabulary Act 4 Quiz**

1. conciliatory-	a) act of returning any injury or wrong
2. beguile –	b) trick (verb)
3. retaliation –	c) tormented, frustrated
4. adamant –	d) tending to soothe anger (adj)
5. cleave –	e) adhere; cling
6. tantalized –	f) the act of excusing a mistake or offence (noun)
7. pardon –	g) very thin, especially from disease, hunger, or cold
8. gaunt –	h) feelings of excessive pride
9. penitence –	i) firm, unyielding
10. vanity –	j) remorse for your past conduct