

### Act III

#### Vocabulary

anteroom – “before room,” foyer  
 apparitions – ghosts; visions  
 base – low; vulgar  
 befuddled – confused; muddled  
 blanched – paled  
 callously – cruelly  
 denounce – to publicly pronounce something evil; to accuse  
 deposition – testimony under oath  
 effrontery – shameless boldness  
 immaculate – pure  
*ipso facto* – “by that very fact,” therefore  
 partitioning – dividing  
 perjury – lying under oath  
 placidly – calmly  
 probity – uprightness  
 quail – to falter; to recoil  
 qualm – doubt; worry  
 remorseless – without a regret  
 slovenly – untidy  
 sublime – supreme; grand  
 unperturbed – not bothered; not upset  
 vestry – room used for church meetings and classes

1. Why does Giles say that he “broke charity” with his wife?
2. In what sense does the Corey’s’ situation reflect on John and Elizabeth Proctor?
3. How has Rev. Hale changed since we last saw him?
4. Why is Mary Warren’s testimony critical for Hale, Proctor, Nurse, and Corey?
5. What does Mary Warren tell Governor Danforth?

6. Why does Proctor not drop the charges against the court when he hears that his wife is pregnant and will be spared for at least a year?

7. Why does Proctor say that his wife must be pregnant if she has said so?

8. What happens to the ninety-one people who signed the petition in support of the accused?

9. What is the charge that Giles Corey makes against Putnam?

10. What is Giles Corey's proof for his charge, and why will he not supply the proof to the court?

11. Why does Danforth find it hard to believe that Abigail could be pretending and, in effect, be a murderer?

12. How does the questioning of Mary Warren differ from the questioning of Abigail? Why?

13. Why can't Mary faint when asked by the court?

14. When Abigail is questioned by Danforth, how does she respond?

15. In calling Abigail a whore, what charge and punishment does Proctor open himself to? Why has he made this confession?

16. What test is Elizabeth given, and how does she fail it? Why?

17. What finally causes Mary Warren to agree with Abigail?

18. On what dramatic note does Act III end?



## Act IV

### Vocabulary

adamant – unyielding; inflexible  
beguile – to deceive  
excommunication – exclusion from the church or community  
gaunt – excessively thin  
gibbet – gallows  
purged – emptied  
reprieve – stay of execution  
retaliation – revenge  
sibilance – a word having a *sss* or *shh* sound  
tantalized – teased

1. What is the relationship between the rebellion in Andover and the flight of Abigail and Mercy Lewis?
2. Why is Parris upset?
3. Why is it important for the court to get one of the accused "respectable citizens," such as John Proctor or Rebecca Nurse to confess?
4. Why is Rev. Hale telling the accused to lie?
5. What is it that the court desires of Elizabeth Proctor?
6. How did Giles Corey die? Why?



7. Why does Proctor call himself a fraud?

8. What responsibility does Elizabeth accept for Proctor's lechery? What does she advise him to do?

9. After Proctor confesses to witchcraft what else does Danforth want from him?

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