

For each question, you must give the correct **in-text citation** indicating where you found your answer (Miller #).

Act I

1. In his introduction to the play, how does Miller explain what really motivated the people of Salem to accuse their neighbors, friends, and relatives of witchcraft?
2. What were Abigail and the girls doing in the forest when Reverend Parris saw them?
3. Why is Parris so worried about the evidence of witchcraft being discovered in his own house?
4. What does Rebecca Nurse think is wrong with the girls?
5. Why is Mrs. Putnam so eager to prove there is witchcraft in the village?
6. What is the source of the conflict between Parris and Proctor?
7. What is the relationship between Abigail and John Proctor?
8. How does Abigail feel about John's wife, Elizabeth?
9. What is unusual about Giles Corey?
10. Why is Thomas Putnam such a bitter man?
11. Who is Reverend Hale, and what does he accomplish?
12. Why does Tituba confess so readily? What does her confession initiate?

Act II

13. What is the source of tension in the Proctor household?
14. What does Elizabeth fear about Abigail?
15. Where has Mary Warren been? What does she report? What does she give Elizabeth?
16. What is the only way a person accused of witchcraft can save his or her life?
17. How did Mary “save” Elizabeth’s life, but later cause her to be accused?
18. According to Proctor, what concerns Parris more than his duty to God?
19. Why does Hale come to see the Proctors?
20. Which commandment does John forget?
21. Why do Giles Corey and Francis Nurse come to see John Proctor?
22. Explain the statement: “...vengeance is walking Salem!”
23. What happens to Elizabeth?
24. What does Proctor demand of Mary Warren?

Act III

25. Of what does Giles Corey accuse Thomas Putnam?
26. Who does John Proctor bring to the court to testify on behalf of Elizabeth, Martha, and Rebecca?

27. How does Reverend Hale change as the proceedings progress?
28. Why will Elizabeth's life be spared for at least a year?
29. What does Proctor reveal in an effort to discredit Abigail?
30. What two ironic twists does the plot take in this act?

Act IV

31. What is Parris' real reason for pleading for postponement of the executions?
32. What makes Danforth anxious to obtain confessions? At the same time, why does he refuse to postpone the executions?
33. Why has Hale returned to Salem?
34. Why doesn't Elizabeth beg John to sign the confession?
35. How has Elizabeth changed during her imprisonment?
36. How does Giles die? Why does he refuse to sign the charge?
37. What made John Proctor finally tear up the confession and decide it is better to hang?
38. What happened to Elizabeth Proctor after the witch hunt madness ended?
39. What happened to Reverend Parris after the witch hunt madness ended?
40. What happened to Abigail Williams after the witch hunt madness ended?

