The Crucible
Act III Questions

Use the information in Act III to answer the following questions in complete sentences!

1. As this Act opens, Giles Corey states that Putnam is 'reaching for land.' Explain what he means.

2. What news do we learn about Rebecca Nurse?

3. When John Proctor arrives at court with Mary Warren, what does Reverend Parris accuse him of? Why does he say this?

4. What two pieces of evidence are brought out against Proctor in regard to his Christian nature? Why would the people of Salem consider these to be valid pieces of evidence?

5. What news does Danforth tell John Proctor about Elizabeth? What deal does Danforth try to make with him?

6. What is going to happen to the 91 people who signed the testament stating a good opinion of Elizabeth, Martha Corey, and Rebecca Nurse? How does Francis feel about that?
7. Explain Danforth’s remark to Francis, “A person is either with the court or he must be counted against it.”

8. What is Giles Corey's proof that Thomas Putnam is ‘reaching out for land?’ Why won’t he reveal his source?

9. What happens to Giles Corey? In your opinion, do you think it was fair?

10. What is Reverend Hale’s advice to Danforth as Proctor is about to read his deposition before the court? Why does he offer this advice?

11. What does Danforth think Mary Warren’s appearance in court might be?

12. When Mary Warren says that she pretended to faint in court, what is she asked to do and why? What is the result?

13. What does Abigail do when suspicion that she might be pretending falls on her? Why does she do it?
14. What does John Proctor do to try to discredit her? Why does he do it?

15. Who is called to back up John’s testimony? What does this person say and why?

16. What happens when Reverend Hale states that Abigail has always seemed false to him?

17. What do the girls do to Mary Warren? What is her response?

18. What does John Proctor mean when he says, “God is dead!”?

19. What does Hale do when Proctor is arrested? Why does he do this?