The Crucible: Cast of Characters

Reverend Parris—Minister of Salem’s church

Betty Parris—10 year old daughter of Reverend Parris

Tituba—Reverend Parris’s slave from Barbados

Abigail Williams—Niece of Reverend Parris

Susanna Walcott—Friend of Abigail

Mrs. Ann Putnam—Resident of Salem; wife of Thomas Putnam

Thomas Putnam—A wealthy, influential resident of Salem; husband of Ann

Mercy Lewis—A servant of Thomas Putnam’s household; friend of Abigail

Mary Warren—Friend of Abigail; servant to John and Elizabeth Proctor

John Proctor—Resident of Salem; protagonist of The Crucible

Rebecca Nurse—Respected resident of Salem

Giles Corey—An elderly resident of Salem

Reverend John Hale—A young reverend brought to Salem to help out with the witch trials; known to be an expert on witchcraft

Elizabeth Proctor—Resident of Salem; wife of John Proctor

Francis Nurse—A wealthy, influential man in Salem; husband to Rebecca Nurse

Ezekiel Cheever—Resident of Salem who acts as the clerk for the court

Marshal Herrick—The marshal of Salem

Judge Hawthorne—A judge who presides over the witch trials

Deputy Governor Danforth—The Deputy Governor of Massachusetts and the head judge at the witch trials

Sarah Good—A woman who has been accused of witchcraft and thrown in jail

Hopkins—A guard for the jailhouse
Use pages 3-8 to answer these questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES:

1. What is the setting of the story (time, place, details, etc.)?

2. Describe what we know about Reverend Samuel Parris thus far. What does he believe about the behavior of the children?

3. Describe the Salem community. What was the town like? What did the people spend the majority of their time doing?

4. How did the Puritans of Salem feel about other religions and/or beliefs? Were the accepting of other religions and/or beliefs?

5. What kind of government ruled Salem? Who was in charge?

6. From these first few pages of the book, what can we begin to assume about John Proctor? How do you know this?

7. What things does Miller say fueled the Salem Witch Hunt?

8. According to Miller, why might a member of Salem Village accuse someone of being a witch?

9. What question about the “individual in society” is brought up in these pages?