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1. Why does Giles say that he “broke charity” with his wife?

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?

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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?

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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?

19. Based on what you've read so far, write a 1-chunk, 1:2+ paragraph predicting what you think will happen in the final act of the play.

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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?

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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?