1. At the beginning of Act II, there is a conversation between Elizabeth, Giles, and John. They say that Deputy Governor Danforth and Judge Hathorne have vowed to do what?

2. What do John and Elizabeth argue about in their home?

3. Describe Sarah Good and Sarah Osburn in the trial. What kind of women were they?

4. Mary Warren, who works for the Proctors, arrives home while John is reading to his sons. According to Elizabeth, where was Mary?

5. What were John Proctor and Thomas Putnam arguing over? (Then, be watching for what Mary Warren does in court...watch closely!)

6. What did the little girl (Ruth Putnam) say Mr. Jacobs did to her?

7. What did the other girls do during Mr. Jacobs’ trial?

8. When Mary Warren returns from Salem, she talks with John and Elizabeth. What is ironic about the punishment that she speaks of? Why does Mary need to go to court every day?

9. Why does Elizabeth Proctor think she is being accused of being a witch? How is the accusation of Elizabeth different from those that have come before? What does it signal?

10. When they meet in the woods, what does John tell Abigail to do?
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11. What does Abigail do when she runs into town after speaking with John?

12. Danforth and one of the judges speak. What are some topics they discuss? What does this indicate about the judge?

13. Why does Hale come to the Proctors’ home? Who does he tell has been charged with witchcraft?

14. What causes Hale to doubt how religious John and Elizabeth are? Why does John Proctor say he has not been attending Reverend Parris’s church? Generally speaking, how does John feel about Reverend Parris?

15. Why does Hale make John recite the Ten Commandments? Which commandment does John forget? Why is it ironic?

16. What was found in the poppet that was given to Elizabeth Proctor? What is a poppet? What problem does this present for Elizabeth? Does Abby have anything to do with this event?

17. Who is taken to jail in the wagon?

18. What threat does John make to Mary at the end of the act?

19. Throughout Act II, John’s attitude regarding witchcraft in Salem emerges. What is his attitude?