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The Crucible

Discussion Questions

Directions: Answer each question using complete sentences. Research as necessary, but be sure to cite your sources. Must be at least 5 sentences each.

1. What is a crucible? How is it used? Justify Miller's use of *The Crucible* as a title for his play.
2. How is Abigail responsible for starting the whole scare about witches in Salem? Is she lying? Insane? Possessed? If Abigail had not been caught dancing, would the witch trials still have been held? What makes you think so?
3. "Them that will not confess will hang." Explain the major irony of that kind of confession.
4. In a morality play, characters are intended to dramatize Good and Evil. In what ways is *The Crucible*?
5. Research "habeas corpus." Explain how this right, guaranteed by the Constitution, might have influenced the proceedings at the Salem witch trials.