***The Crucible*** Study Questions

Act III

1. What evidence of Martha Corey’s witchcraft is the court considering?
2. According to Giles Corey, what is Thomas Putnam’s purpose in promoting the witch trials?
3. From his actions and statements, what can you conclude about Judge Danforth?
4. List Proctor’s allies.

List Proctor’s enemies.

Who apologizes but hurts Proctor’s credibility?

1. What “extravagance” does Danforth believe Proctor guilty?
2. What bargain does Danforth attempt to strike with Proctor, just to make him go away?

What makes Proctor want to continue with his attempt to prove the girls are lying?

1. What document does Danforth at first refuse to peruse?

What other piece of documentation does he consider, and then make the men wish they had not given him? Why?\

1. Why is Giles Corey hesitant to give the name of the man who heard Thomas Putnam say his daughter’s outcry against Jacobs had “given him a fair gift of land”?
2. What does Hale point out to Danforth as Giles is being “tried”?

What is Danforth’s answer?

1. How does Danforth suggest a “way out” for the girls?
2. What finally prompt Proctor to report his affair with Abigail?
3. What metaphor does Proctor use in his appeal to Danforth?
4. How difficulty do you think it was for Elizabeth to tell the lie about John’s lechery?
5. What finally completely destroys Proctor’s efforts to save his wife?
6. What is Hales’ reaction to the events of Act III?