

***The Crucible* by Arthur Miller**
Test Act IV

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1. Explain Miller's use of comic relief at the beginning of this Act: What happens?
What is Miller's purpose in this scene?

2. Danforth, Hathorne, and Cheever's conversation tells the audience about what changes in Salem in the months that have passed between Act III and IV?

3. Explain Parris's comment: "Hale has returned to bring Rebecca Nurse to God."
What is Hale's real purpose?

4. What is Parris worried about?

5. Why is it important for the court to get one of the accused "respectable citizens," such as John Proctor or Rebecca Nurse to confess?

6. What news does Parris bring about Abigail and Mercy Lewis, and why does this news further disturb Danforth?

7. Why is Reverend Hale tormented about his task now?

8. About which three characters does Proctor ask Elizabeth? What information does he really want to know, and why?

9. How would Proctor be saving his name, regardless of whether he confesses or not?

10. What event makes Proctor recant his confession? What is the significance of this event?

BONUS: Use one or two of the following words in any of your responses (please highlight them):

conciliatory - indictment - purged - penitence - beguile