

The Crucible Act IV Questions

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Period:

1. How have the townspeople been affected by the last several months of court proceedings? (2 pts.)
2. What is Reverend Parris' real reason for pleading that the executions be postponed? (1 pt.)
3. What makes Danforth anxious to obtain confessions? At the same time, why does he refuse to postpone the executions? (3 pts.)
4. Why does Hale claim that he has returned to Salem? In what way is his reply sarcastic? How does he try to convince Elizabeth to persuade John to confess? (3 pts.)
5. Why doesn't Elizabeth beg John to sign the confession? For what does she apologize to her husband? (2 pts.)
6. How did Giles Corey die? Why did he refuse to answer ("aye or nay") to his indictment? (3 pts.)

7. Why won't Danforth accept Proctor's confession? (1 pt.)

8. Why does Proctor tear up his "confession" and decide it is better to hang? What is the most important thing to him? (2 pts.)

9. What happens to the following characters after the witch hunt madness ends, i.e. at the end of the play? see pg. 146 (1 pt. each)

a. Elizabeth Proctor

b. Reverend Parris

c. Abigail Williams