**Questions for Act 1**

1. **Why has Rev. Parris sent for the doctor as the play begins?**
2. **Parris questions his niece Abigail. What about?**
3. **What are the reasons behind Parris’ insecurity? What is he most concerned about?**
4. **What did Parris see in the woods the previous night?**
5. **Why did Elizabeth Proctor dismiss Abigail as a household servant?**
6. **What reason has Abigail given for being fired?**
7. **What rumors have circulated the town about Betty Parris?**
8. **Why did Mrs. Parris contact Tituba?**
9. **Who does Abigail accuse of conjuring? Why?**
10. **What does Betty reveal during her “outburst”?**
11. **What threat does Abigail make to the other girls?**
12. **What is the backstory behind Abigail and John Proctor? How do each of them feel about it now?**
13. **According to Abigail, what really happened in the woods?**
14. **What is John Proctor’s opinion of Rev. Parris?**
15. **What is the dispute between Proctor and Thomas Putnam?**
16. **Why does Rev. Hale come to Salem?**
17. **What does Giles Corey reveal to Hale about his wife? Why do you think he says the things he does?**
18. **What ultimatum is Tituba given? How does it influence her actions?**
19. **Who does Tituba accuse? Why do you think she does this?**
20. **Why do you think Abigail begins accusing people at this point in the play?**

**Questions for Act 2**

1. **At the beginning of Act 2, Proctor says, “It is winter in here yet.” What is the literal meaning of the comment? What else might he mean by it?**
2. **Elizabeth was worried about John coming home so late. Why?**
3. **Why does Elizabeth think John won’t come forward and tell the truth?**
4. **What does John tell Elizabeth that makes her more suspicious of him?**
5. **What news does Mary Warren reveal to the Proctors?**
6. **How does Mary behave toward them? Why?**
7. **What realization does Elizabeth make upon finding out she’s been accused?**
8. **What does Elizabeth ask John to do and why?**
9. **How does John respond to the questions about why he has stopped coming to church?**
10. **What does Hale ask Proctor to do?**
11. **What news does Giles Corey reveal?**
12. **What (specifically) has Rebecca Nurse been accused of?**
13. **Why has Martha Corey been accused?**
14. **Why is Cheever both astonished and afraid when he find the “poppet” with the needle in it?**
15. **Why does Mary Warren warn John about testifying against Abigail?**
16. **What does Proctor decided to do?**

**Questions for Act 3**

1. **What accusation does Giles Corey make against Thomas Putnam?**
2. **What news do we learn about Rebecca Nurse?**
3. **When Proctor arrives with Mary, how does Judge Danforth receive Proctor’s proof?**
4. **What evidence is brought out against Proctor in regards to his Christian nature?**
5. **What news does Danforth tell Proctor about Elizabeth? What deal does he try to make with him?**
6. **What is going to happen to the 91 people who signed the testament stating a good opinion of Elizabeth, Martha and Rebecca?**
7. **Do you agree with John when he says “Do that which is good and no harm shall come to thee”? Why or why not?**
8. **What is Giles Corey’s proof that Putnam is “reaching out for land”? Why won’t he reveal his source?**
9. **What happens to Giles Corey?**
10. **What is Hale’s advice to Danforth as Proctor is about to testify?**
11. **When Mary Warren says that she pretended to faint in court, what is she asked to do? What is the result?**
12. **What does Abigail do when suspicion falls on her?**
13. **What does Proctor do to discredit her?**
14. **Who is called to back up John’s testimony? What happens?**
15. **What is Mary Warren’s reaction to Abigail’s performance?**
16. **What does Proctor mean when he says “God is dead”?**
17. **What does Hale do when Proctor is arrested?**

**Questions for Act 4**

1. **What is Reverend Hale advising the condemned to do?**
2. **What does Parris reveal about Abigail?**
3. **What is the condition of Salem as this point?**
4. **How does Andover differ from Salem?**
5. **How do the proposed hangings of Rebecca Nurse and John Proctor differ from past executions?**
6. **What does Parris want Danforth to do? What does Hale want him to do?**
7. **Why does Danforth refuse to postpone the hangings**
8. **What does Hale mean when he says, “There is blood on my head!”?**
9. **What do Hale and Danforth ask Elizabeth to do?**
10. **What has happened to Giles Corey?**
11. **What is John’s excuse for confessing?**
12. **How has Elizabeth changed since we first met her?**
13. **After John confesses, what does Danforth want to do with the signed document?**
14. **What does Hale give as a reason for Proctor’s willingness to hang?**
15. **What does Elizabeth attribute it to?**
16. **Do you agree or disagree with Proctor’s decision? Explain?**