*The Crucible* Act I Questions

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Answer the following questions using complete sentences. An \* by a question indicates that you need to support your answer with textual evidence.

Act One:

1. Why did Miller include the note on historical accuracy? What would have been the result had he not included this note?
2. \*What did Parris see happening in the forest? What did he infer from the girls’ actions?
3. \* Explain Goody Putnam’s motivation behind why she wants her daughter to be well.
4. Analyze Abigail’s character and what motivation she had to drink blood?
5. How did Abigail threaten the other girls? What does the conversation between Abigail, Mercy Lewis, Mary Warren, and Betty reveal about their recent activities?
6. Antecedent action is action that happened before the play. What events transpired between John Proctor and Abigail prior to the beginning of Act One? What happens when John and Abigail are left alone?
7. \*What does Abigail say about Elizabeth Proctor? How might this affect the rest of the play?
8. Describe the type of irony used when a psalm is sung while Abigail and Proctor are talking and Betty is having a fit.
9. What is important about Giles’s line “strange books”?
10. \*What does Reverend Hale want to blame the afflictions on? What does this tell us about him and what he is looking for in Salem?
11. When the pressure gets high on Tituba, what does she do? Why does she do this? What does this tell us about her character?
12. \*What does Tituba confess the Devil asked her to do? What might this suggest about her relationship with Parris?
13. \* What does Abigail confess?
14. What do the girls do once Betty wakes up? Why is this important? Who all do they name that they saw with the Devil?