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Period _____

Act One

Comprehension Check

*As you read *The Crucible*, use the Note-Taking techniques described on page 19. To give you a complete and comprehensive method of reading and understanding all aspects of the play, answer the following questions for Act One. Write your answers in complete sentences.*

1. What is wrong with Betty Parris?
2. How does Tituba react to Betty's condition?
3. What news does Susanna bring from the doctor?
4. What rumor is circulating about Betty?
5. How does Abigail initially defend the girls' behavior in the woods?
6. Why is Reverend Parris so worried about his reputation?
7. What did Parris see in the woods?
8. What does Abigail claim is the reason she was discharged from the Proctor household?
9. In what condition is Ruth Putnam?
10. Briefly describe Thomas Putnam.
11. Why did Mrs. Putnam enlist Tituba's help?
12. Why did Abigail drink blood?
13. How does Abigail threaten the other girls?
14. Briefly describe John Proctor.
15. What happens when John and Abigail are left alone?
16. What does Rebecca Nurse say about Betty and Ruth's sickness?
17. Why is Reverend Parris dissatisfied with his job in Salem?
18. About what are Proctor and Putnam fighting?
19. Describe Reverend Hale. For what reason has he been called to Salem?
20. What is Giles Corey's complaint about his wife?
21. Why does Tituba finally "confess"? What do you think of her actions? What do you think will happen as a result?
22. Why do you think the girls begin their accusations when they could have just let Tituba take the blame for everything?
23. What does the girls' behavior tell you about the youth of Salem?

