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Social Lit. – Silver

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*The Crucible: Act I (3-48)*

Fully answer each of the questions below (sometimes in sentences, sometimes the answer is just a word or two). Provide page numbers when possible.

1. “So now they and their church found it necessary to deny any other sect its freedom, lest their New Jerusalem be defiled and corrupted by wrong and deceitful ideas.” What is the **IRONY** in that statement? What do you notice when you look at the word Jerusalem closely?

The Puritans escaped England because they wanted religious freedom and they were being persecuted. They wanted their “New Jerusalem” to be free, but in reality, they were strict with other religions and persecuted the people like they had been persecuted.

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2. Explain how the witch-hunt years were a time of “general revenge.”

It was a period of time in which a person could be accused of witchcraft by someone who resented him/her for some reason. To get property from those accused.

3. What truths come out when the adults leave the girls alone?

Abby had an affair with John Proctor and was fired by Goody Proctor. She attempted to get revenge on Goody Proctor by using witchcraft to cast a spell on and kill her. The girls were dancing and Abby drank blood (yuck! Don’t try this at home!).

4. Why does Betty start screaming?

She heard the girls say that the consequence of witchcraft is hanging (and she could be held responsible if their escapade in the woods is discovered).

5. Explain the political relationship between the Putnam and Nurse families. (25-26)

There was a land dispute that turned into a two-day battle between the Putnam and Nurse families. Resentment exists now between the two families, and Putnam holds grudges.

6. Why does Proctor, as well as some other townspeople, no longer regularly attend church? What does this suggest about his character?

He doesn't like Parris because he thinks he cares too much for money and "things" and he talks too much about Hell in his sermons.

7. What do Putnam and Proctor argue about? What does this reveal?

Putnam accuses Proctor of stealing/taking lumber from his part of the woods (32)

8. Though Tituba names her accomplices, who is the first person to actually mention names?

THOMAS PUTNAM! (46)

9. To what does Tituba confess? WHY? (Consider all factors)

Witchcraft, being an accomplice of the devil. She confesses, thinking it will avoid trouble. She's threatened with death if she doesn't confess "the truth."

10. Why isn't it difficult for Ann Putnam to believe that Goody Osburn is a witch?

Goody Osburn delivered three of Ann Putnam's babies. All three died, so Ann Putnam blames Goody Osburn for their deaths.

11. What do the girls do at the end of Act I? WHY do you think Abigail and Betty behave in this manner?

The girls start chanting names of people who they claim to be involved with the devil. The girls don't want to get in trouble and want to be seen as the innocent ones.  
They want ATTENTION!