Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *The Crucible*: **Review Acts I and Part One of Act II**

For each of the quotes, explain the *importance* and *meaning* of the quote, who is speaking and the context (background-what is happening in the scene).

1. “He cannot discover no medicine for it in his books.”

Susanna🡪 Rev. Parris  
 Betty bewitched- Dr. Griggs cannot figure out why. This shows (plot) how the hysteria about witchcraft began- with no “cure” for her illness, Betty MUST be under the devil’s hand! This began the witch trials. (plot)   
  
**2. Person 1:** “There is either obedience or the church will burn like Hell is burning!”

**Person 2:** “Can you speak one minute without we land in Hell again? I am sick of Hell!!

Parris🡪 Proctor

Parris and Proctor are talking about how Parris wants the deed to his house and basically wants more power and security in the town. This shows that Parris wants everyone in the town to follow the church and listen to what he says (power-hungry). Proctor dislikes Parris because he feels like Parris is greedy and must preach about hell all the time, deflating the masses. (char. Dev)  
  
3. “Wherefore is everybody suing everybody else? Think on it now, it’s a deep thing, and dark as a pit. I have been six time in court this year-“

Giles Corey🡪 Group (Parris, Proctor, etc)

They are discussing how people are pointing fingers at each other for things- this shows that people are vindictive and eager to point fingers at each other. This also begins the trials. (plot)

4. “I shall not proceed unless you are prepared to believe me if I should find no bruise of hell upon her.”

Rev. Hale🡪 Rev. Parris

Hale was called in from Beverly, MA because he was considered a “witch craft” expert. He tells Parris that he might NOT find “the devil’s mark” on Betty and Parris needs to believe him if he doesn’t. (char development) This shows that Hale is cautious and truthful. He is not going to say things he doesn’t believe.

Parris- Rev Parris, Betty’s dad, Abby’s uncle/guardian

Proctor- married; had an affair w/ Abby,

Putnam- married; lost a lot of children, Ruth is his daughter, well-known and powerful man in town

**ACT II**

1. “Spoke or silent, a promise is surely made. And she may dote on it now- I am sure she does…”

Elizabeth🡪 Proctor

They are talking about how Abby accused E of being a witch. She believes Abby’s goal is to kill E and take her place. The “promise” she suggests exists is the “promise” a man gives a woman when they sleep together… This shows that Elizabeth suspicious of JP and aware of what has happened. She is nervous that she will be killed (char. Dev)

1. “...I falter nothing, but I may wonder if my story will be credited in such a court. I do wonder on it, when such a steady-minded minister as you will suspicion such a woman that never lied, and cannot, and the world knows she cannot!”

JP🡪 Hale

He is talking about Rebecca Nurse who has been charged with witchcraft along with Martha Corey and Elizabeth and other upstanding women in the town. RN is MOST respected in the town. JP is nervous to tell in the court that Abby admitted to JP that it wasn’t witchcraft. (plot) This is a turning point in the story because the truth might start to come out AND it shows that the court may be becoming irrational.  
  
  
7. “I’ll tell you what’s walking Salem- vengeance is walking Salem. We are what we always were in Salem, but now the little crazy children are jangling the keys of the kingdom, and common vengeance writes the law! This warrant’s vengeance!”

JP🡪 Hale/Giles/Francis Nurse/Cheever/Herrick

He is angry because his wife has been charged with witchcraft (by Abby) and was being arrested. He ripps up the warrant. This shows (char. Dev) that JP has anger issues. He realizes the state of things in Salem- dangerous to have children running the law.  
  
  
8. “I cannot! I cannot! I cannot!”

Marry Warren🡪 Proctor

(context) MW says she “cannot” tell the truth about Abby’s set up with the poppet (doll). She will not go against Abby for fear that Abby will “kill her” aka call her a witch. (char. Dev & plot) This shows that MW believes Abby to be the supreme power in the town and she is afraid to do the right thing because she will be putting herself in danger. Also, this is important because no one is willing to stand up against Abby- showing the problems with the court.