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Short answer study guide questions the crucible act 1 answers

This resource includes three close reading study questions for Act One of The Crucible, with full model answers provided for all questions. The questions cover different aspects of the act, including Betty's wake-up moment, Hale's arrival, and Tituba's accusation. ****Study Questions**** 1. What is revealed in the opening narrative that will impact the events to come? 2. What happened in the woods on the night before Act One begins, and what was its effect on the girls? 3. How did the events lead to Betty and Ruth falling ill, and why were they unable to be healed? 4. Why was the town so stirred up by these events, and what suspicions arose as a result? 5. What was Reverend Parris' initial reaction to the crisis, and what motivated it? 6. What reason did Ann Putnam have for being resentful, and how did this contribute to her actions? 7. What resentment did Thomas Putnam harbor, and how did this affect his behavior in Act One? 8. Why were the girls hesitant to reveal the truth about their actions in the woods? 9. How did Abigail eventually assert her dominance over the others, using fear and intimidation to control them. 10. What is a crucible, and what does it represent in the context of the play? ****Answers**** 1. We learn that Reverend Parris feels threatened by everyone and has a need for control, while the citizens of Salem are unforgiving and quick to judge one another. 2. A group of teenage girls were caught dancing naked in the woods, with Tituba attempting to contact the dead and Abigail trying to curse Elizabeth Proctor. 3. The girls' behavior caused Betty and Ruth to fall ill, leading the townspeople to suspect witchcraft due to their inability to be healed. 4. The town was stirred up by the suspicion of witchcraft and the girls' refusal to tell the truth about their actions in the woods. 5. Reverend Parris' initial reaction was to protect his reputation and save himself from blame. 6. Ann Putnam suspected someone was killing her babies during childbirth, leading her to be resentful and seek revenge. 7. Thomas Putnam resented not being elected as minister of Salem, leading him to harbor resentment towards the successful candidate. 8. The girls were afraid to admit the truth because it would mean severe punishment for dancing and conjuring, but telling a lie about witchcraft could result in hanging. 9. Abigail used intimidation and threats to force the others not to tell the truth. 10. A crucible is a container where metals are burned at high temperatures to purify them, but it also represents a severe test or trial, reflecting the intense scrutiny and accusations that occur in the play.