

*The Crucible* –Act Four – Study Guide

1. What is the setting for Act Four?
2. Who are sharing a jail cell at the opening of the act? For whom do they mistake Marshal Herrick?
3. Why is Judge Danforth concerned about Reverend Hale's presence in the jail? Why is Reverend Hale in the jail?
4. What do we learn about the cows in Salem?
5. What do we learn about Abigail on page 199?
6. Explain Parris's speech (p. 200) in which he says "it were another sort that hanged till now."
7. Hale reveals 3 things about the state of life in Salem. What are they? (p. 201)
8. What motivates Hale to say, "I come to do the Devil's work"?
9. Why is Elizabeth Proctor called into the jail cell?
10. What has happened to Giles Corey?
11. How has Elizabeth's attitude toward John changed in this act?
12. Proctor decides to confess. Then, he changes his mind. Why?