**The Crucible Act Four**

**Comprehension Check**

*To give you a complete and comprehensive method of reading and understanding all aspects of the novel, answer the following questions for Act Four.*

1. What is Reverend Hale doing at the jailhouse?

2. What is happening to the farms and animals in the town of Salem? Why do you think this is happening?

3. What has happened to Abigail and Mercy Lewis?

4. What happened in the town of Andover? Why is Parris afraid of this news?

5. What does Parris suggest to Danforth? Why does he make this suggestion?

6. What other indications does Hale give that the town is falling apart?

7. What does Hale mean when he says, “There is blood on my head! Can you not see the blood on my head”?

8. Why does Danforth refuse to postpone the executions?

9. How long has passed since the trials first began?

10. What do Hale and Danforth beg Elizabeth to do? Why?

11. What does Elizabeth say happened to Giles Corey?

12. What has Proctor been contemplating doing? What is Elizabeth’s response to this?

13. What do Danforth and Parris plan to do with Proctor’s confession?

14. Why does Proctor refuse to sign the confession?

15. What does he do with the confession, and what happens to him as a result?

16. What does Elizabeth mean by: “He have his goodness now. God forbid I take it from him”?

17. What lessons do you think Arthur Miller wanted readers and audiences to learn from his play?

What do you think are the most important themes of the play?

18. Do you think the story would have been as effective as a novel rather than a play? Why or why not?

Why do you think Miller decided to tell the story of the Salem Witch Trials as a play rather than a novel?