## **The Crucible Character Map**

	Abigail Williams  Rev. Parris' niece	Reverend Parris Salem's Minister Catches girls dancing in woods	Reverend Hale  Minister of Beverly; expert on & hater of witchcraft; called in to examine the accused	
John Proctor  Well respected	Led the girls to dance Is the main accuser	Tituba Rev. Parris' Slave Conjures spirits in woods w/ girls	Sarah Good Salem beggar The first to be accused	
wealthy farmer has affair w/ Abigail  Elizabeth Proctor		Betty Parris  Rev. Parris' daughter  Falls ill from fright when caught  dancing in the woods		
Proctor's wife Well Respected; virtuous Accused of sending spirit to stab Abigail		Mary Warren One of the dancers Proctor's Servant (replaced Abby) Easily influenced Tries to tell the truth, but Ends up accusing John Proctor	Threater	
George Jacobs	Ruth Putnam  Putnam's only surviving child of 8 Falls ill from fright when caught dancing in the woods		Threatened by Abigai	
Elderly, well respected farmer Wealthy landowner Putnam neighbor Accused of witchcraft	Greedy, wealthy farmer  Ann Putnam  Putnam wife, lost 7 children	Mercy Lewis One of the dancers Putnam Servant	a <u>.</u> :	
	Rebecca & Francis Nurse  Elderly, well respected farmers  Wealthy landowner  Accused of supernaturally killing the  Putnam babies	Suzanna Walcott A dancer Family accuses Martha of "witching" their pigs	Martha Corey Giles Corey's 3 <sup>rd</sup> wife That she read more than the Bible made her suspicious;	
			Giles Corey Feisty, elderly farmer Comments about wife's reading led to her arrest Pressed to death for standing mute	

### Deputy Gov. Danforth

The judge who believes he must cleans Salem of the Devil

Refuses to listen to anyone who contradicts the court – even if they are telling the truth

# THE CRUCIBLE CHARACTER ANALYSIS

CHARACTER	DESCRIPTION OF CHARACTER	MOTIVATION FOR ACTIONS	PERSONALITY TRAITS
Abigail Williams	<ul> <li>17-year-old niece of Rev. Parris</li> <li>had an affair with John Proctor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>to protect herself</li> <li>her desire to have John Proctor all to herself</li> <li>witnessing her parents' murder</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>good at deceiving others</li> <li>violent</li> <li>untrustworthy</li> <li>leader</li> <li>vengeful</li> </ul>
Betty Parris	• 10-year-old daughter of Rev. Parris	• scared to get in trouble	• scared
Reverend Parris	Salem's minister; disliked by many people in the town	<ul> <li>the fact that he has many enemies who want him gone from Salem</li> <li>doesn't want people to find out the truth about what happened in the woods</li> <li>wants to persecute his enemies</li> </ul>	<ul><li>defensive</li><li>self-absorbed</li><li>nervous</li><li>paranoid</li></ul>
Ann Putnam	mother of Ruth and seven babies who died at birth	<ul> <li>depression from losing seven children</li> <li>desire for revenge for the death of her children</li> </ul>	<ul><li>paranoid</li><li>crazy</li><li>depressed</li></ul>
Mary Warren	• the Proctors' current servant	<ul> <li>her fear of Mr. Proctor</li> <li>her fear of Abigail and the other girls</li> </ul>	<ul><li>submissive and inferior</li><li>unreliable</li><li>naïve</li><li>lonely</li></ul>

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Thomas Putnam	<ul> <li>father of Ruth</li> <li>richest man in the village who can afford to buy any land forfeited by a "witch"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>accused others as a way to gain their land</li> <li>wants to persecute his enemies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>well-to-do, hard-handed landowner</li> <li>used to getting his way</li> <li>vindictive</li> </ul>
Tituba	Rev. Parris's slave from Barbados	<ul> <li>she knows she can never win because of who she is</li> <li>she's smart enough to know how to save herself</li> </ul>	<ul><li>intimidated by authority</li><li>smart</li></ul>
John Proctor	husband to Elizabeth; had an affair with Abigail	<ul> <li>doesn't want his secret to come out</li> <li>his dignity</li> <li>his desire to do what is right</li> </ul>	<ul><li>cautious</li><li>reasonable</li><li>dignified</li></ul>
Elizabeth Proctor	• wife of John Proctor	<ul> <li>her faith in God</li> <li>to preserve her dignity</li> <li>to protect her husband</li> </ul>	<ul><li>practical</li><li>tenderhearted</li><li>reasonable</li><li>honest</li></ul>
Giles Corey	83-year-old man who provides comic relief in the play	<ul> <li>to feel/look/sound important</li> <li>to protect the innocent</li> </ul>	<ul><li>sharp</li><li>clever</li><li>inquisitive</li><li>physically strong</li></ul>

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Reverend Hale	<ul> <li>an expert on witchcraft</li> <li>comes to Salem to investigate possible witchcraft</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>his experience and knowledge</li> <li>his faith in the court</li> <li>his conscience telling his what's the real truth</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>quick to come to conclusions</li> <li>doesn't consider all the facts</li> <li>practical</li> <li>good-intentioned</li> </ul>
Danforth	<ul> <li>the deputy governor of the province</li> <li>leads the witchcraft trials</li> </ul>	maintain the court's authority	<ul><li>authoritative</li><li>powerful</li><li>intimidating</li></ul>
Rebecca Nurse	• 72-year-old woman from Salem	• her faith and her wisdom	<ul> <li>highly respected</li> <li>wise</li> <li>gentle</li> <li>fair</li> <li>logical</li> </ul>
Mercy Lewis	<ul><li>17-year-old girl</li><li>the Putnams' servant</li></ul>	• to protect herself and Abigail	• sly • merciless
Marshal Herrick	• an authority of the court	<ul><li>his duty to the court</li><li>his guilty conscience</li></ul>	<ul><li>dutiful</li><li>guilty conscience</li></ul>

### USE EACH CHARACTER'S NAME ONLY ONCE TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

List the characters from the chart who were in the woods: Abigail Williams, Betty Parris, Tituba, Mary Warren, Mercy Lewis

Divide the characters from the chart into the following two groups. Place a star by any character who later switches to the other belie

#### THOSE WHO BELIEVE WITCHCRAFT IS TO BLAME

Reverend Parris THOSE WHO BELIEVE THE GIRLS ARE LYING

Ann Putnam John Proctor

Thomas Putnam Rebecca Nurse

Reverend Hale\* Elizabeth Proctor

Danforth Giles Corey

Marshal Herrick\*

List the characters from the chart who are dead by then end of the play: John Proctor, Giles Corey, Rebecca Nurse

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