

The Crucible Acts I and II Vocabulary

- 1) ideology – a manner or the content of thinking characteristic of an individual, group, or culture
- 2) theocracy – government of a state by immediate divine guidance or by church officials who are regarded as divinely guided
- 3) heathen – an uncivilized or irreligious person; pagan
- 4) abominations – sources of utter disgust or intense dislike; hateful, disgusting actions
- 5) deference – respect and esteem due a superior or an elder
- 6) providence – event guided by God or divine leadership
- 7) smirched – discredited or disgraced
- 8) corroborating – supporting with evidence or authority
- 9) indignant – showing anger aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean
- 10) ameliorate – to make better or more tolerable
- 11) calumny – the act of uttering false charges or misrepresentations maliciously calculated to damage another's reputation
- 12) trepidation – timorous uncertain agitation; apprehension
- 13) sidle – move or turn sideways in a furtive manner
- 14) pretense – false show
- 15) prodigious – strange; unusual; ominous
- 16) contiguous – touching along a boundary or at a point
- 17) inculcation – teaching and impressing by frequent repetitions or admonitions
- 18) licentious – lacking legal or moral restraints
- 19) pallor – paleness
- 20) daft – mad; insane