

## ***The Crucible* Acts III and IV Vocabulary**

- 1) **deposition**– testimony taken down in writing under oath
- 2) **imperceptible**– extremely slight, gradual, or subtle
- 3) **probity**– honesty; integrity; adherence to the highest principles and ideals
- 4) **befuddled** – muddled, stupefied, confused
- 5) **effrontery**– shameless boldness
- 6) **immaculate** – spotlessly clean
- 7) **qualm**– mistrust; a feeling of uneasiness about a point especially of conscience
- 8) **base**– degrading; contemptuous
- 9) **slovenly**– lazily slipshod
- 10) **unperturbed**– untroubled
- 11) **gulling** – taking advantage of; deceiving
- 12) **gaunt**– excessively thin and angular
- 13) **agape**– being in a state of wonder
- 14) **conciliatory**– eager to make peace, to reconcile
- 15) **beguile**– deceive by guile; hoodwink
- 16) **floundering**– proceeding or acting clumsily or ineffectually
- 17) **reprieve**– to delay the punishment of
- 18) **adamant**– unyielding; unshakable or immovable especially in opposition
- 19) **disputation**– verbal controversy; debate; argument
- 20) **tantalized**– teased, fascinated