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Act Two

1. Where does Elizabeth want John to go, and what does she want him to do there?
2. What is John's response to her prodding?
3. What gift did Mary give Elizabeth?
4. What was the "evidence" against Sarah Good?
5. Why doesn't Proctor want Mary to go back to court?
6. Why does Elizabeth think Abigail wants to kill her?
7. Why did Hale come to Proctor's house?
8. What things are "suspicious" about Proctor and his family?
9. Hale asks Elizabeth if she believes in witches. What is her reply?
10. On what charge(s) was Rebecca Nurse arrested?
11. Why does Cheever come to the Proctor house?
12. Explain the significance of the needle in the "poppet."
13. What will happen to Proctor if he tries to discredit Abby?
14. Why doesn't Mary want to testify about the doll?

Act Three

1. Why do Giles and Francis want to talk to Danforth?
2. What is Parris's argument against Proctor?
3. What does Mary tell Danforth?
4. When Danforth hears that Elizabeth is pregnant, what does he allow?
5. What paper did ninety-one people sign?
6. "... a person is either with this court or he must be counted against it, there be no road between." Explain the importance of Danforth's statement.
7. What quote did Proctor use to help Mary remain brave?
8. Of what does Giles accuse Putnam?
9. What is Hale's problem as Proctor and his friends present evidence to Danforth?
10. Hawthorne thinks of a test for Mary. What is it? Can she do it? Why or why not?
11. Proctor calls Abigail a whore, and he confesses his lechery. Danforth tests Proctor's statement by calling for Elizabeth and asking her why Abigail was dismissed. What does Elizabeth say? Why?
12. What do the girls do to Mary? What is her response?
13. What happens to Proctor?
14. What does Hale do?