

## VOCABULARY - *The Crucible*

### Reading Assignment 1 Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. But we never conjured spirits.
2. There is a faction that is sworn to drive me from my pulpit. Do you understand that?
3. Abominations are done in the forest--
4. But Betty collapses in her hands and lies inert on the bed.
5. He need not have been a partisan of any faction in the town, but there is evidence to suggest that he had a sharp and biting way with hypocrites.
6. In Proctor's presence a fool felt his foolishness instantly -- and a Proctor is always marked for calumny therefore.
7. That is a notorious sign of witchcraft afoot, Goody Nurse, a prodigious sign!
8. It's somewhat true; there are many that quail to bring their children--
9. Why, we are surely gone wild this year. What anarchy is this?

*Crucible* Reading Assignment 1 Vocabulary Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. conjured     | A. to lose courage; decline; fail; give way   |
| ___ 2. faction      | B. unable to move or act  |
| ___ 3. abominations | C. summoned by oath or spell  |
| ___ 4. inert        | D. false statements knowingly made to injure someone                                |
| ___ 5. hypocrites   | E. small group, usually contentious, within a larger group                          |
| ___ 6. partisan     | F. people who say they believe one way, but whose actions show they believe another |
| ___ 7. calumny      | G. political disorder and confusion   |
| ___ 8. prodigious   | H. things that elicit great dislike or abhorrence                                   |
| ___ 9. quail        | I. extraordinary; marvelous   |
| ___ 10. anarchy     | J. militant supporter of a party, cause, faction or idea                            |