***The Crucible* Study Guide**

**Analysis: Identify the symbolism/significance**. Do not give a summary. Be able to explain your understanding using details from the play.

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| **A Poppet** | **Heavy Books** | **Names** | **Ten Commandments** |
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**Evaluation of Quotes: Who said it? What does it mean?**

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| “I look for John Proctor that took me from my sleep and put knowledge in my heart! I never knew what pretense Salem was, I never knew the lying lessons I was taught by all these Christian women and their covenanted men! And now you bid me tear the light out of my eyes? I will not, I cannot! You loved me, John Proctor, and whatever sin it is, you love me yet!”  | “A man may think God sleeps, but God sees everything, I know it now. I beg you, sir, I beg you—see her what she is . . . She thinks to dance with me on my wife's grave! And well she might, for I thought of her softly. God help me, I lusted, and there is a promise in such sweat. But it is a whore's vengeance . . .” | “Adultery John” |
| Who said it? What does it mean?  | Who said it?What does it mean? | Who said it?What does it mean? |
| “Still an everlasting funeral marches around your heart” | “ Because it is my name! Because I cannot have another in my life! Because I lie and sign myself to lies! Because I am not worth the dust on the feet of them that hang! How may I live without my name? I have given you my soul; leave me my name!” | want to open myself! . . . I want the light of God, I want the sweet love of Jesus! I danced for the Devil; I saw him, I wrote in his book; I go back to Jesus; I kiss His hand. I saw Sarah Good with the Devil! I saw Goody Osburn with the Devil! I saw Bridget Bishop with the Devil! |
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**Evaluation**

* How do grudges and personal rivalries play a role in the witch trial hysteria?
* Reverend Hale is a **dynamic character (he changes throughout the story).** How does he change throughout the play? Be specific.
* What is the significance of the scene between Elizabeth and John Proctor? What does it reveal about their relationship and about their characters?
* What is meant by Proctor's statement, "Do that which is good, and no harm shall come to thee."
* Why does Danforth refuse to postpone the final hangings and what does this say about him?