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*The Crucible* Act II Study Guide

**Part One: Guided Reading Questions:** Please answer the following questions using complete sentences and proper page citations

1. Who is Mary Warren and how is she causing conflict at this point?
2. Why does Elizabeth encourage Proctor to travel to Salem?
3. Whose life did Mary Warren save in court? How?
4. How has Hale changed since the beginning of the story?
5. Proctor can only remember 9 of the 10 Commandments. Which does he forget, and why is this ironic?
6. Why does Proctor falter in his willingness to attend court?
7. What were the charges against Rebecca Nurse?
8. What does Cheever (a clerk of the court) look for in the Proctor house? How is Elizabeth trapped by circumstance?
9. How does Proctor characterize Hale after Elizabeth’s arrest?
10. Mary Warren keeps repeating “I cannot”. What can’t she do, and why?

**Part Two: Quote Analysis:** Please fill in each box with the significance of the quote to A) Plot, and B) Theme

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| **Quote** | **Plot Significance**  **(When does it happen)** | **Theme Significance** |
| “I cannot think the Devil may own a woman’s soul, Mr. Hale, when she keeps an upright way, as I have…If you think that I am [a witch], then I say [none exist]” (Miller 70). |  |  |
| “Mary—you charge a cold and cruel murder on Abigail” (Miller 76). |  |  |
| “Now Hell and Heaven grapple on our backs, and all our old pretense is ripped away—make your peace…it is…no great change; we are only what we always were, but naked now” (Miller 81). |  |  |
| “God’s icy wind will blow!” (Miller 81) |  |  |