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Act II Questions

1. Find 2-3 examples where the weather/natural surroundings brought up in conversation between John and Elizabeth mirror what's going on between them.

2. Explain what is meant by Proctor's line on page 52, "There is a funeral that marches around your heart yet."

3. What does Elizabeth ask John to do? Why is he so resentful of it?

4. Why hasn’t John Proctor told the court what he knows? What does Elizabeth attribute his not telling?

5. What lie did John Proctor tell to Elizabeth which makes her more suspicious of him?

6. What is the "promise" that Elizabeth refers to? How does John react to this idea? Who do you think is right?

7. How do the stage directions in these pages add to the dialogue?

8. What news does Mary Warren bring back from Salem? How many does she say have been accused so far?

9. What is Mary Warren's attitude toward John Proctor? Why do you think she is like this?

10. What does she reveal to Elizabeth Proctor, and how does Elizabeth conclude? What are her reasons (beyond the most obvious one)?

11. Why does Reverend Hale show up?

What does he question Proctor about?

12. What does Proctor forget and why is this significant?  
  
  
  
  
13. Who else has been arrested?

14. How does Abigail's manipulative side come out in how she frames Goody Proctor?

15. John Proctor seems to be the only voice of reason in the confusing end of Act II. What are some examples to support this idea?

16. Why is Mary Warren afraid of telling the truth about Abigail, for herself and for John?