ACT 1 STUDY GUIDE

 1. Who are Reverend Parris, Betty, and Abigail? What is their relationship?

 2. Who is Tituba? What is her relationship to the family?

3. What is wrong with Betty?

4. Why does Parris suggest calling in Reverend Hale?

5. Who are Ann and Thomas Putnam? What do they suggest is Betty's problem? What is their motivation for suggesting this?

 6. Who is Ruth? What is her relationship to the Putnams? What is wrong with her? How do the Putnams tie her problem to Betty's?

7. Who is Mercy Lewis? What is her relationship to the Putnams?

 8. What does the conversation between Abigail, Mercy Lewis, Mary Warren, and Betty reveal about their recent activities?

9. Who is John Proctor? What is his relationship to Mary Warren? What is his relationship to Abigail? How does he feel about his relationship with Abigail?

10. Who is Elizabeth Proctor? What does Abigail think of her? How might this affect the outcome of the play?

11. Who is Giles Corey? Why is he introduced into the play?

12. Who is Rebecca Nurse? What is her role likely to be in the play?

13. Why is the issue of Parris's salary raised?

14. What is the Putnams' grievance over land? (p. 32) What significance might this have in the play?

15. What do the Puritans think of books other than the Bible? How do you learn about this in Act one?

16. How does Hale confuse Tituba? What is the significance of their conversation?