

## Act 2

### VOCABULARY - *The Crucible*

#### Reading Assignment 3 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. Proctor, holding back a full condemnation of her: It is a fault, it is a fault, Elizabeth--you're the mistress here, not Mary Warren.
2. I am only wondering how I may prove what she told me, Elizabeth. If the girl's a saint now, I think it is not easy to prove she's fraud, and the town gone so silly.
3. Her strangeness throws him off, and her evident pallor and weakness.
4. Elizabeth, perplexed, looking at the doll: Why, thank you, it's a fair poppet.
5. Mary Warren, with an indignant edge: She tried to kill me many times, Goody Proctor!
6. Aye, but then Judge Hawthorne say, "Recite for us your commandments!"--leaning avidly toward them--and all of the ten she could not say a single one.
7. I only hope you'll not be so sarcastical no more. . . . I--I would have you speak civilly to me, from this-out.
8. Woman, am I so base? Do you truly think me base?

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### Crucible Reading Assignment 3 Vocabulary Continued

#### Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 19. condemnation | A. bewildered; puzzled; confused                                |
| ___ 20. fraud        | B. expressing mocking or contemptuous remarks                   |
| ___ 21. pallor       | C. severe reproof; strong censure                               |
| ___ 22. perplexed    | D. having low moral standards; contemptible; inferior           |
| ___ 23. indignant    | E. enthusiastically   |
| ___ 24. avidly       | F. deliberate deception for unfair or unlawful gains            |
| ___ 25. sarcastical  | G. extreme paleness   |
| ___ 26. base         | H. filled with an anger aroused by something unjust or unworthy |