

## SPEAKING LIKE A PURITAN – METAPHORIC LANGUAGE FROM ACT TWO OF *THE CRUCIBLE*

**DIRECTIONS:** One of the ways Arthur Miller conveys the Puritan Setting and central thematic images of *The Crucible* is through the use of metaphoric language. Read the following lines from Act Two, and work with your group to determine the meaning behind the metaphors. After looking at the metaphoric language that Miller's characters speak, create a metaphor to describe Mary Warren, Hale, or Abigail. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

METAPHOR	MEANING
Proctor: "a funeral marches round your heart."	
Elizabeth: "the magistrate sits in your heart."	
Proctor: "I will curse her hotter than the oldest cinder."	
Hale: "Theology is a fortress."	
Francis Nurse: "My wife is the very brick and mortar of the church."	
Proctor: "Vengeance is walking in Salem."	
Our Metaphor:	