

## **The Crucible Sample Outline**

- I. Introduction
- II. People Hiding Guilt at the Start
  - A. The “unconscious” young girls
  - B. Reverend Parris
- III. Casting guilt away by blaming others
  - A. Accuse the easy targets first (Tituba)
  - B. Accuse others to escape (Tituba accuses outcasts)
  - C. The rest of the girls follow suit
  - D. The newly accused accuse still more
- IV. Hidden guilt and John Proctor
  - A. Waits to expose falsehood because of his own guilt
  - B. Only confesses after his wife is accused
  - C. Tries to solve the problem without confessing
  - D. Finally confesses to lechery
  - E. Wife ends up lying for him, ruining her credibility
- V. Proctor’s temptation
  - A. Danforth wants him to admit to false guilt and accuse others
  - B. Refuses and even refuses to admit false guilt
  - C. Dies as a consequence, but feels his soul is redeemed
  - D. Sticking to the truth stops others from more killing