***The Crucible***

**Act I Questions**

Answer each question in its entirety using quotations and/or examples from the text. Use complete sentences and look up the definitions to words that you do not understand.

1. What Puritan primary fear is apparent in the philosophy, “In unity still lay the best promise of safety”?
2. Explain the irony in the Puritans’ pilgrimage to Salem to escape persecution.
3. Based on his words, what seems to be Parris’s motivation for inadvertently causing the hysteria?
4. What are Putnam’s motivations for his actions in Salem?
5. Contrast Proctor’s verbal excuse about why he has come to Parris’s house with what his actions indicate may be his true motivation for coming.
6. What is Reverend Hale’s motivation?
7. What motivates Abby and Betty to begin denouncing everyone?0
8. Explain how Arthur Miller (the playwright) uses the following dramatic conventions to establish character and create a basis for the tragedy in his Overture.

* Foil character :
* Direct Characterization:
* Motivation:
* Character Action: