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ABIGAIL: Uncle, the rumor of witchcraft is all about; I think you'd best go down and deny it yourself. The parlor's packed with people, sir.-I'll sit with her.

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PARRIS: Abigail, I cannot go before the congregation when I know you have not been open with me. What did you do with her in the forest?

PARRIS: Child. Sit you down. Now look you, 20 child-if you trafficked with spirits in the forest, I must know it, for surely my enemies will, and they'll ruin me with it... Abigail, do you understand that I have many enemies?

PARRIS: There is a faction that is sworn to² drive me from my pulpit³. Do you understand that?

30 **PARRIS:** Now then—in the midst of such disruption, my own household is discovered to be the very center of some obscene practice. Abominations are done in the forest...

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my ministry's at stake; my ministry and perhaps your cousin's life...whatever abomination you have done, give me all of it now, for I dare not be taken unaware when I go before them down there.

ABIGAIL: There is nothin' more. I swear it, Uncle.

Arthur MILLER, *The Crucible*, 1953

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1. someone with no religion 2. vowed to 3. preaching post 4. fun

1. Guess the type of document and **tick** the correct answer.

- This text is: ☐ a diary entry ☐ a movie script ☐ a play

2. a. Identify each character.

- Character 1: Name:
- Character 2: Name:
- Character 3: Name:

b. Say how they are related.

Reverend Parris is Abigail's He is Betty's Abigail and Betty are

3. a. Read the text and **pay attention** to questions. **Tick** the correct answers.

- ☐ Parris is questioning Abigail.
- ☐ They are talking about a party.
- ☐ People are talking about witchcraft.

b. Complete the sentence to recap Reverend Parris' accusation.

Reverend Parris accuses _____ of _____

4. Circle the adjectives that best describe Reverend Parris. **Justify** with a quote for each of them.

confident • worried • selfish • anxious • calm

5. a. Pay attention to nouns and find the other people mentioned in the scene.

b. Say what they represent.

☐ friends ☐ family ☐ justice ☐ public opinion ☐ social pressure

WAY 2

1. Look at the text and spot its specificities. **Identify** the nature of the document.

2. Read the text and **pick out** the name of the characters. **Say** how they are related.

3. Briefly sum up the scene with your own words.

This extract shows Reverend Parris Abigail about what happened in the
because people are spreading of witchcraft.

4. Focus on Parris's speech and **explain** how he feels: "*Abigail, do you understand that I have many enemies?*" (l.23-24).

Reverend Parris feels because

5. Identify the other people Reverend Parris mentions and explain why he refers to them and what they represent in the scene.