***The Crucible* Objective Character Mini-Synopsis:  
  
Reverend Parris:** The Salem minister who was formerly a merchant in Barbados.  
  
**Betty Parris:** Parris’ ten-year-old daughter, who was caught by her father dancing in the woods and pretends to see spirits.  
  
**Tituba:** Reverend Parris' Negro slave who is partly responsible for teaching the children about "spirits."  
  
**Abigail Williams:** Reverend Parris' seventeen-year-old orphaned niece - she leads the other children in the accusations. Was formerly employed by the Proctor family but was fired.   
  
**Thomas Putnam:** A vindictive man with many grievances who uses the witch tales to impose his personal vengeance upon the town.  
  
**Mrs. Ann Putnam:** Putnam’s wife, who attributes the death of her seven infant children to supernatural causes.  
  
**Mary Warren:** The girl who works for John and Elizabeth Proctor and who is also involved in accusing people of being witches.  
  
**John Proctor:** A local member of the church who has opposed many of Mr. Parris' unnecessary expenditures - a sensible man who doesn’t like hypocrites.   
  
**Elizabeth Proctor:** John's wife - she knows that her husband has committed adultery with Abigail Williams.  
  
**Giles Corey:** One of the oldest men in the community, who is brutally put to death because he challenged the proceeding of the court.  
  
**Reverend John Hale:** The minister who first instigates the investigations but later sees through them and renounces.  
  
**Francis Nurse:** One of the most respected men of the community, who also tries to stop the investigations.  
  
**Rebecca Nurse:** A lady of immense goodness and respect who is later accused of being a witch.

**Judge Hathorne:** One of the judges sent to examine the people accused of being witches.  
  
**Deputy Governor Danforth:** A special judge sent for this occasion, who is dedicated to removing all witches and who will not allow anyone to tamper with his authority.

**Mercy Lewis:** teenage girl, a friend of Abigail, employed by the Putnam family.

**Susanna Walcott:** teenage girl, a friend of Abigail

**Herrick:** the Marshall