

## ANSWERS

The Crucible is about the Salem witch trials that took place in the Massachusetts Bay Colony during 1692/93.

Historical Context: The play is an allegory in response to McCarthyism, during which the United States government accused and persecuted people it believed to be communists.

Key Characters:

- John Proctor
- Abigail Williams
- Reverend John Hale
- Elizabeth Proctor
- Reverend Parris
- Rebecca Nurse
- Francis Nurse



Key Events:

- The girls dance in the forest
- The accusations begin
- John Proctor attempts to save Elizabeth
- John Proctor is accused of witchcraft
- John Proctor confesses

Themes:

- ownership
- justice
- intolerance
- hysteria
- judgement
- social status
- reputation
- goodness

Motifs:

- empowerment
- fear of the unknown
- accusations and confessions