



## ANSWERS

### *Quotations May Vary*

**Empowerment:** The witch trials empower some characters who did not have much power in society before they started. Abigail and her associates gain power by accusing others of witchcraft and devil worship, while aligning themselves with God. Tituba avoids blame herself and gains power by accusing others.

**Fear of the Unknown:** The trials are a period of history characterized by an expanding worldview and its attendant fear of the unknown. Some things that were feared were women having power and critical thinking.

**Accusations and Confessions:** The plot revolves around the witch trials, which are by their nature comprised of accusations and confessions. Parris accuses Abigail of dishonoring him. He accuses his parishioners. Giles Corey and Proctor respond with their own accusations. Proctor eventually ends the cycle by refusing to confess to something that he didn't do because the witch trials need people to continue telling lies in order to keep going.