

The Crucible

Introduction to Characters

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John Proctor

- Proctor is our main protagonist.
- He is a virtuous man.
- He has integrity – he believes strongly that it is wrong to disobey your own principles.
- He has had an affair with Abigail Williams (he sees it as a moment of weakness”), and broken it off.
- He yearns to be forgiven by his wife.
- He does not attend the church as the minister is too hard-line.

Elizabeth Proctor

- Elizabeth is a very pious woman – she believes deeply in the Bible.
- She says she has forgiven her husband but remains very cold towards him.
- She is a target for Abigail Williams's malice.

Abigail Williams

- Abigail is the play's antagonist.
- She is seventeen years old, and deeply infatuated with John Proctor.
- The pair briefly had an affair but Proctor broke it off.
- Her affection for Proctor has not diminished.
- She is driven by her desire to get rid of Proctor's wife, who she see as a barrier to their relationship.