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The Crucible Vocabulary
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Directions: Please use an online or paper dictionary to find a) the part of speech and b) fill in the missing words of the definition for the following vocabulary words. Do the best you can, we will go over this at the end.

1. **Persecuted** (_____) to have behaved toward an individual or group with _____, and treated the individual or group _____; most often because of their race, political or religious beliefs.

*“For these reasons, among others, they carried about an air of innate resistance, even of persecution. Their fathers had, of course, been **persecuted** in England. So now they and their church found it necessary to deny any other sect its freedom, lest their New Jerusalem be defiled and corrupted by wrong ways and deceitful ideas.”*

location: 5, 30

2. **Ideology** (_____) the set of _____ and _____ of a group or political party; a set of _____ that characterize a particular culture.

*“It was, however, an autocracy by consent, for they were united from top to bottom by a commonly held **ideology** whose perpetuation as the reason and justification for all their sufferings.”*

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3. **Paradox** (_____) a _____ that reveals a _____; it is a statement that appears to be _____ or silly but is actually not. A paradox is often used to make someone _____ over an idea in an innovative way.

*“The Salem tragedy, which is about to begin in these pages, developed from a **paradox**.”*

location: 7; page 7

4. **Repression** (_____) the act of using _____ to _____ someone or something; the state of being controlled by force.

*“Evidently the time came in New England when the **repressions** of order were heavier than seemed warranted by the dangers against which the order was organized.”*

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5. **Vengeance** (_____) the act of doing something to _____ someone because that person did something that _____ you or someone else; you want some type of _____ in order to settle the score.

*“long-held hatreds of neighbors could now be openly expressed, and **vengeance** taken, despite the Bible’s charitable injunctions.”*

location: 7, 77, 108, 110, 114, 127

6. **Dissemble** (_____) to hide under a _____ appearance, to _____; when someone is being _____ about the true motives.

*“He is bending to kneel again when his niece, Abigail Williams, seventeen enters—a strikingly beautiful girl, an orphan, with an endless capacity for **dissembling**.”*

location: 9

7. **Faction (noun)** when there is internal _____ within an organization, a small group _____ itself from a larger one to form their own dissenting group.

*“There is a **faction** that is sworn to drive me from my pulpit.”*

location: 10, 127 (146)

8. **Abomination** (_____) a thing or action that is _____ and _____, or is looked upon with disgust or horror.

*“**Abominations** are done in the forest—“*

location: 11, 79

9. **Deference** (_____) behavior meant to show _____ for someone or _____ to someone.

*“He sees her, and a certain **deference** springs into him, although his worry remains.”*

location: 12, 62 (93)

10. **Vindictive** (_____) showing a desire to _____ someone who has _____ or caused problems for you; to be inclined to look for _____.

*“His **vindictive** nature was demonstrated long before witchcraft began.”*

location: 14

11. **Formidable** (_____) describes something that causes _____ and is difficult to overcome; impressively large, _____, intense, and/or very capable.

*“Goody Ann, it is a **formidable** sin to conjure up the dead!”*

12. **Merciless (adjective)** describes someone who acts in a cruel, _____ way.

location: 16

*“Enter Mercy Lewis, the Putnams’ servant, a fat, sly, **merciless** girl of eighteen.”*