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The Crucible Vocabulary
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1. **Trepidation** (_____) A feeling of fear that causes you to hesitate because you think something bad or unpleasant is going to happen.

*“Abigail, with hushed **trepidation**: How is Ruth sick?”*

Location: 18, 40

2. **Subservient** (_____) Very willing or too willing to obey someone else; to obey others unquestioningly.

*“She is seventeen, a **subservient**, naïve, lonely girl.”*

Location: 18

3. **Naïve** (_____) Innocent or simple, showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment; believe in whatever they are told.

*“She is seventeen, a **subservient**, **naïve**, lonely girl.”*

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4. **Partisan** (_____) Supporters of a person, group, party, or cause, especially supporters who show a biased, emotional allegiance.

*“He need not have been a **partisan** of any faction in the town, but there is evidence to suggest that he had a sharp and biting way with hypocrites.”*

Location: 20, 26

5. **Notorious** (_____) Well known, most likely for some bad quality or deed.

*“That is a **notorious** sign of witchcraft afoot, Goody Nurse, a prodigious sign!”*

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6. **Delusion** (_____) Having false or unrealistic beliefs or opinions; often when a person has belief or opinion which is a delusion, the person will not consider or accept actual fact that proves their belief or opinion to be false.

*“By the time of the **delusion**, they had three hundred acres, and their children were settled in separate homesteads within the same estate.”*

Location: 25

7. **Bewildered** (_____) To be puzzled or confused by something

*“My Ruth is **bewildered**, Rebecca; she cannot eat.”*

Location: 27, 55

8. **Prodigious** (_____) Something very big or powerful, or extraordinary; remarkably great in extent, size, or degree.

*“There is **prodigious** danger in the seeking of loose spirits.”*

Location: 25, 28, 98, 124

9. **Anarchy** (_____) Social disorder because there is no effective form of government to control the people through rules or laws.

*“What **anarchy** is this? That tract is in my bounds, it’s in my bounds, Mr. Proctor.”*

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10. **Reactionary** (_____) Opposed to big changes, or having an intense conservative viewpoint.

*“In the countries of the Communist ideology, all resistance of any import is linked to the totally malign capitalist succubi, and in America any man who is not **reactionary** in his views is open to the charge of alliance with the Red hell.”*

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