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*The Crucible Vocabulary*  
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1. **Ameliorate** (\_\_\_\_\_) - To make a bad or unsatisfactory situation or problem better.

*"He sentenced her. He must. To **ameliorate** it: But not Sarah Good. For Sarah Good Confessed, y'see."*

Location: 56

2. **Theology** (\_\_\_\_\_) - The study of the nature of God, God's relation to the world, religious belief, faith, practice, and experiences.

*"Mr. Proctor, your house is not a church; your **theology** must tell you that."*

Location: 65

3. **Adultery** (\_\_\_\_\_) - Voluntary relationship between a married person and someone who is not that person's wife or husband.

*"**Adultery**, John.*

*Mr. Proctor, as though a secret arrow had pained his heart..."*

Location: 67

4. **Contemptuous** (\_\_\_\_\_) - Describes a feeling of deep hatred or disapproval; describes a scornful or disrespectful attitude.

*"And how do you imagine to help her cause with such **contemptuous** riot?"*

Location: 85

5. **Deposition** (\_\_\_\_\_) - Testimony from a witness which is put in writing, for use in a court of law.

*"She has signed a **deposition**, sir—"*

Location: 88, 93, 95, 96, 99, 100, 101

6. **Remorselessly** (\_\_\_\_\_) - Describing behavior or an attitude with no pity or sympathy for others, acting with no regret or guilt; heartlessly.

*"Judge Hathorne enters. He is in his sixties, a bitter, **remorseless** Salem judge."*

Location: (85), 105

7. **Revelation** (\_\_\_\_\_) - when you look at things in a new way because of a realization that opens your eyes.

*"And you thought to declare this **revelation** in the court before the public?"*

Location: 89

8. **Undermine** (\_\_\_\_\_) - To make someone or something weaker or less effective, often in a subtle or sneaky way.

*"There lurks nowhere in your heart, nor hidden in your spirit, any desire to **undermine** this court?"*

Location: 90

9. **Beckon** (\_\_\_\_\_-) - To signal someone to approach by a gesture of the head or hand.

*“Danforth considers, then **beckons** Hathorne to him.”*

Location: 91

10. **Befuddled** (\_\_\_\_\_-) - To have made someone unable to think clearly; to have confused, perplexed the person.

*“This is a sharp time, now, a precise time—we live no longer in the dusky afternoon when evil mixed itself with good and **befuddled** the world.”*

Location: 94