What is the setting of the play?
- Salem, Massachusetts, spring of the year 1692

Describe the town
- There were a few small-windowed, dark houses that spread out from the meeting house. It was located near the edge of the wilderness

How did the village’s residents regard the forest and its inhabitants?
- They saw the Indians as heathens and the forest as dark, threatening and the last place on Earth that wasn’t paying homage to God. It was the Devil’s last preserve

From what paradox did the Salem tragedy develop?
- For good purposes, the people of Salem developed a combine of state and religious power to keep community together and to prevent disunity. Time had come when repressions (hardships) of order were heavier than the dangers the order was organized against.

What were some reasons, other than the supernatural, for people of Salem to accuse others of witchcraft?
- To settle old scores against neighbors
- Disputes over land ownership
- Jealously over someone else’s good fortune
Why is Rev. Parris praying and weeping as the play begins?

- He is distressed about his daughter, Betty, who cannot seem to wake up and is not responding to him.

What behaviors of Betty Parris and Ruth Putnam made some feel they were possessed by witches?

- They don't respond to people.
- They don't eat or talk.
- They appear to be unaware of their surroundings.

Why does Rev. Parris ask Abigail to keep Susanna's report about Dr. Grigg's conclusions a secret?

- Because he doesn't want the townspeople to find out that his daughter's ailment is the result of unnatural causes since this could ruin his reputation in the village.

What did Parris see in the woods?

- He saw the girls dancing – one of whom was naked, and Tituba waving her arms.

Why does Parris worry about revealing what he saw in the forest?

- Because, if it is learned his daughter and niece were practicing witchcraft, his enemies would use it to force him out as pastor.

What reason does Abigail Williams give Parris for being dismissed from the Proctors' service?

- She says Goody Proctor is a bitter woman who treats her like a slave, and she quit because she wouldn't be treated like a slave.
What was the real reason Abigail was discharged from the service at the Proctor household?

- Goody Proctor discovered that Abigail and her husband had an affair

What does Thomas Putnam do that increases the conflict in the plot?

- He insists that witchcraft exists in Salem

Why is Thomas Putnam a bitter man?

- Because, despite his wealth and standing in the village, his choice for pastor was passed over and his attempt to break his father’s will led to his stepbrother receiving a disproportionate amount

In what way might accusations of witchcraft work in the Putnams’ favor?

- They could use it to explain why Mrs. Putnam’s seven babies died at birth
- Mr. Putnam could use it to accuse people he had disputes with in order to settle old scores
- They could deflect attention away from the fact that Mrs. Putnam sent her only daughter to Tituba to conjure up the spirits of her dead children

What is Mary Warren’s great fear?

- That she and the others will be hanged for witchery if they don’t confess to what they did

When Betty “wakes up,” what does she reveal about Abigail?

- That Abigail drank blood as a charm to kill Goody Proctor
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| **How does Abigail react to John Proctor, and what does he tell her?**   | - She tries to seduce him so they can continue their affair  
- He says he’ll cut off his hands before he touches her again             |
| **What does Rebecca Nurse believe is afflicting Betty, and what caution does she offer?** | - She believes Betty is just being a kid and is involved in some kind of mischief that she’ll eventually stop  
- She hopes people don’t look to the supernatural as the reason for the kids’ supposed sickness |
| **Why do some people resent Francis and Rebecca Nurse?**                | - Because the Nurses raised their social status by buying more land and renting it  
- They were involved in a land war with some of their neighbors  
- They were among the faction that broke away from old Salem and established a new development called Topsfield |
| **John Proctor is accused of what by Parris, and of what does Thomas Putnam accuse Proctor?** | - Proctor is accused by Parris of leading a party that wants to remove him as pastor  
- Putnam accuses John of taking trees from his land                          |
| **Why has Rev. Hale been summoned to Salem, and how does he feel about his work?** | - To see if the girls are being affected by supernatural forces  
- He feels the pride of being a specialist whose unique knowledge has been publicly called for |
How does Rev. Hale show his education and authority?

- By bringing books with him to Salem

What confession does Mrs. Putnam make to Rev. Hale?

- That she sent her daughter Ruth to Tituba to conjure the spirits of her dead babies

Why does Tituba confess, and who does she claim are witches?

- She confesses because, if found guilty of witchcraft, she will be hanged, and if she doesn't confess, she may be whipped to death by Rev. Parris
- Goody Good and Goody Osburn

Why is Mrs. Putnam so quick to believe that Goody Osburn is a witch?

- Because Goody Osburn delivered three of Mrs. Putnam's babies, and all three of them died

How do Abigail and Betty take advantage of what is happening to make sure they will not be blamed for dancing in the forest?

- They begin accusing other townspeople of being witches in order to divert attention away from themselves

She says, “Witchery's a hangin' error, a hangin' like they had in Boston two year ago! We must tell the truth...”

- Mary Warren
She says of the girls' odd behavior, “Pray calm yourselves. I have eleven children, and I am twenty-six times a grandma, and I have seen them all through their silly seasons.”

- Rebecca Nurse

This term is used to describe unsubstantiated accusations and public attacks on the character or patriotism of a person.

- witch hunt

The Crucible was written as an allegory of what historical event?

- The Communist Red Scare

Who wrote The Crucible?

- Arthur Miller

The residents of Salem are of what religious denomination?

- Puritans