

Body Paragraphs

Can you spot the better body paragraph? Tell why.

Mary Warren is another character who is tested throughout the play. Mary is summoned to the court and asked to expose the truth about the witchcraft. When she is interrogated by Danforth, she admits the claims to witchcraft were false, and that she and Abigail were only pretending. However, Danforth ensures that Mary will not escape the trial easily when he says, “I will tell you this – you are either lying now, or you were lying in the court, and in either case you have committed perjury and you will go to jail for it” (102). Mary can either admit to her past transgressions, and suffer the consequences, or she can pretend that she has been telling the truth about witchcraft, but is now being forced to lie. If she admits to perjury, she will go to jail. Mary’s choice is simple – she can choose the path that is right, or the path of least resistance.

John and Elizabeth Proctor’s relationship changed and went through a severe test. Since Proctor had an affair with Abigail Williams this made Elizabeth was very uneasy and made her question him. Abigail Williams worked at the Proctor’s and when Elizabeth found out about the affair between them she kicked Abby out of the house. Abigail still loved John, was jealous of Elizabeth, and really wanted to try to take her place (52-53). Abigail was convinced that John loved her still. He wanted to help Elizabeth and gain her trust back (22-24). She could not stand that John didn’t love her anymore. Abby thought up with a plan to frame Elizabeth. In court Elizabeth could not be executed because she was pregnant.

Rewrite the following paragraph so that it makes sense.

Many characters in *The Crucible* broke down, caused change and underwent severe tests. Mary Warren started as one of the characters who accused other people of witchcraft. Mary was taken to court to confess that her testimony was false. Abigail pretended to see Mary's spirit and accused her of being a witch. Mary yelled at John Proctor, "You're the devil's man" (118). Giles Corey was put in a severe test that ended his life. Giles had to choose to plead to charges of witchcraft. Elizabeth explained to John what happened next when she said, "He would not answer aye or nay; for if he denied they'd hang him surely, and auction out his property. So he stand mute, and died Christian under the law" (135).