

Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*

Act One

What Ails Ye?

Examples of Conflicts

- Girls' desire to play
 - Salem's repressive morality
- Reverend Parris
 - Town:
 - Over his pay
 - Over his lack of job security
 - Over his lack of respect from the town

■ Thomas Putnam

- Faction who turned down his brother-in-law as minister
- Land dispute with the Nurses

■ Mrs. Putnam

- Death of children
- Suspicion that Rebecca Nurse and Goody Osburn were in some way responsible

■ Abigail

- Frustrated love for Proctor

■ Tituba

- Harsh treatment at the hands of Reverend Parris

Elements creating the conflicts

- Salem's rise from a struggling town to a settled, prosperous community
- Unresolved property disputes
- Dissatisfaction with previous ministers
- Growing faction of non-church goers