

Web-based Homework for Year 11 GCSE Drama

Homework 2

The Crucible

In the exam you are always invited to examine the playing of your character in terms of the following five areas:

Voice:

Movement:

Gesture:

Facial Expression:

Relationships to Others on stage

Your homework is to think of five words in each category which might fit a character from The Crucible. It is a good idea to think of verbs if you can. Verbs are doing words and so they give a direct message to your examiner. You should include a reference to a character and the point at which that character might employ that acting device.

Here are some words, characters and places in the text to get you started

Character	Point in text	Words
Voice: Abigail	warning the other girls ('pointy reckoning') P 15	threaten
Gesture: Elizabeth	'the noose is up' P50	clutch (throat)
Facial expression: Proctor	between the two of us we do know them all P55	awkward smile
Movement: Danforth	First entrance P68	stride
Relationships: Mary	I am an official of the court P49	faltering attempt at improving status with John and Elizabeth

The homework will then lead into a sharing of ideas with the rest of the group and a building up of a 'Crucible' resource base.