

"the crucible" by arthur miller essay sample



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In the book *The Crucible*, there were many displays of courage, weakness, and truth. Many characters showed these signs, but only a few stood out to me. I believe John Proctor showed the most courage. As of weakness, I think that I would have to say that both John and Elizabeth Proctor showed a lot of this. Finally for truth, I would give it to Danforth.

One way John Proctor showed courage was by speaking up to Reverend Parris when everyone else was too afraid to. Not only that, he confesses to the affair that he had with Abigail in order to save Elizabeth's life, and also chose to be hung so that he would not be looked down upon while his name was on the church door. He is very open minded and is not afraid to speak what he thinks. An example of this is in his house talking to Hale when he was questioning John about not going to church. John tells Hale that he does not like Parris and sees no light of God in that man.

Abigail despises Elizabeth for being Proctor's wife, and for keeping Proctor's heart. Elizabeth wants John to stay with her so she does anything and everything so that John does not leave her. Elizabeth feels that John's affair is due to her own faults and that she is not able to please him. Proctor shows that he is a courageous man but still somewhat weak by having an affair with Abigail Williams.

There is not a lot of truth in this story, but if I had to choose someone, it would be Danforth. All he wants is the truth, but there are so many lies that it is hard for him to figure out the fact from fake. The person who he trusts to tell the truth is Abigail (who is the main liar).