Discussion Co-Leader

Key Discussion Questions

**Act 1:**

Why do you think Abigail lied to her uncle, even though Betty could be seriously ill? (page 10)

* Abigail cares about herself more than others
* reveals the character's personality early-on in the play

**Act 2:**

How does Tituba's reaction compare to Abigail's reaction when they both were accused of witchcraft? (page 49)

* Abigail denies that she was involved and blames the incident on other members of the town, including Tituba
* Tituba confessed that she was involved; she doesn't have anything to lose because she is a slave, would rather confess than be executed

Why do you think the townspeople believe Abigail's accusations? (page 56)

* the town doesn't think that she would make up those accusations
* eager to believe anything involved with the incident to resolve the dispute
* she had credibility because her uncle is a priest

Is it coincidence that the commandment that John forgets to say is about adultery? (page 71)

* it isn't coincidence, he didn't say it on purpose to save him from feeling guilty
* shows that his actions are still on his mind, but he doesn't want to feel like a bad Christian