

## Goal Other Tactics Expectations (GOTE) Sheet

Role: John Proctor, The Crucible

### Basic information about the character:

John Proctor, 35 years old, married to Elizabeth 11 years, we have 2 boys and one on the way.

I'm hard working, work what little land we have to sell crops. I must be always working ahead of the weather in order to make enough for this now expanding family – can't afford any mistakes.

### Goal: What do you really want? When do you want it?

I want to find falsehood and expose it. I want to convince Elizabeth that I am a good man. That my mistake with Abigail, was just that, a mistake. She, as well as all of Salem, will know that I am a good man and will relentlessly pursue the truth in this ridiculousness of Abby calling everyone a witch. That Jezebel will pay for what she has done by seducing me and then trying to destroy this family and community. I must stop this now before she gets all of Salem on board with this craziness.

### Other: from whom (in the play) do you want it? Who in the play can help me? Who in the play can hurt me? Who is an obstacle? Why? What are my deepest fears?

Elizabeth must forgive me for my indiscretion. She must trust me again. I am a good and honest man. I may have fallen short, but no one is perfect. All of Salem must know that I am a God fearing man, as well as a follower of His teachings. They may not see me every Sunday, but my heart is in the right place.

Salem is getting worked into a frenzy over this witchcraft business. I hope that Reverend Hale can help me convince others of this lunacy. If Abbie works her "magic" on this gullible people, including Judge Danforth, I fear she may destroy us all, especially my Elizabeth. I fear that my sins are perhaps causing some of the hardships that we are going through now – God Forgive me!

### Tactics: How can I get it? How (and whom) can I threaten? How (and whom) can I induce?

I will work day and night to provide for the family. Elizabeth will know that I am a responsible and hard-working man who, despite my sins, know that I toil the Earth that the Lord has given us, which will in turn will **prove** that I am not thinking about that girl and I have moved on. My mere action will **assure** her of my faithfulness to her and the boys.

My honesty and goodness will not be questioned. The name of this family will not be soiled by my actions. I will make sure that I **compel** Abbie not to

speaking against Elizabeth in the court. I know why she does so – me!! I will **discourage** her speaking to the others, especially the court, about this so called poppitt. If I have to, I will **implicate** her in what I believe is a fraud to punish me and my family for laying with her. If need be I will shame myself and **crucify** her in the process – she will not **shame** my Elizabeth or my family!!

I will **confess** my sins and all will be out in the open. This may hurt Elizabeth even more, but I will not have her die for my indiscretion. Surely by my **corroboration** she will be released. God is just, God is good.

**Expectation:** Why do I expect to get it? Why does it excite me? What will I do when I get it?

I expect Justice. God loves truth and justice. I have confessed my sins, told the truth and must therefore receive forgiveness. My family will recover from this, Elizabeth will love me, as she once did, trustingly and passionately. Our children will have no shame in the name Proctor.