The Proof Questions

1. What is happening to the girl in the beginning of the story?

1. Why do the men tie her to the stool?

1. What is a flashback?  Provide an example of one from the story.

1. Do you think the girl had any chance of being proved innocent? Explain

1. What does the girl pray for first?  How does her prayer change later on?  Why?

1. When do we first get a clue that Tibb may become a problem? Explain

1. Why do you think all of the neighbours had turned against her?
2. Make a list of the evidence used to “prove” the main character is a witch. Why do the people use such poor evidence as proof?

1. How does Tibb know where to find her?

1. Why do you think the author doesn’t give the young woman a name? Describe some other character qualities the young woman has that may have contributed to her being accused of being a witch.
2. Why is it mostly women who were accused of being witches?

1. Why did these people make life or death decisions based on such poor evidence?
2. Discuss some of the injustices in the world today. Eg. What is unfair and why is it unfair? What are some irrational beliefs people still have today?