Vocabulary #2 for *The Crucible*

**Word List:**
- afflict
- ameliorate
- autocratic
- base
- contention
- contentious
- crucible
- daft
- deference
- deposition
- empower
- evasive
- faction
- falter
- immaculate
- inaudible
- inert
- lechery
- parochial
- perpetual
- reprimand
- titillated

**Across**

6. (v) to severely or formally reproof or to severely criticize
9. (v) to invest with authority
11. (adj) not heard clearly; almost silent
14. (adj) crazy; mad; insane
15. (adj) without stain; pure; absolutely clean
16. (n) a severe test or trial
17. (adj) ruled by one person who has absolute power
18. (v) to arouse by stimulation; to excite pleasurably
21. (n) respect and esteem due a superior or an elder
22. (adj) unmoving or motionless

**Down**

1. (v) to improve; to make better
2. (n) a fight, disagreement, or trouble
3. (n) a group that stands separate or divided from others
4. (v) to hesitate
5. (adj) relating to a church
7. (v) to trouble or attack, causing physical or mental suffering
8. (adj) quarrelsome; looking for argument or conflict
10. (adj) tending or intended to evade or avoid
12. (n) a written statement by a witness
13. (adj) being of comparatively low value
19. (n) excessive indulgence in sexual activity
20. (adj) continuing, never ending, or keeping going