

The History Channel Salem Witch Trials Video Guide  
DVD

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1. How many thousands of people died over a period of 300 years?  
40 - 50,000
2. What was the punishment for witchcraft?  
death
3. What were the tests for witchcraft? Name 3.  
Devil's mark, swimming a witch, confession through torture
4. Witchcraft was considered what kind of crime?  
a crime against the church and the state = TREASON
5. How often did the Puritans think about witchcraft?  
regularly
6. Where did the first New England witchcraft trial occur?  
Charlestown 1648
7. How many people lived in the Salem community?  
500
8. Describe Salem town.  
frontier community on the outskirts of civilization
9. How did the Puritans view the forest?  
dangerous and full of evil
10. Write one thing that happened in 1692.  
Aesop's Fables, calculator invented, earthquake in Jamaica
11. In whose kitchen did the Salem accusations begin?  
Rev. Samuel Parris
12. What is the behavior of the group of girls?  
fits & trances, screaming, throwing things
13. Who was first accused of witchery?  
Tituba (slave caring for the girls), then Sarah Goode
14. What is "spectral" evidence?  
appearance of being tormented by a person's "spectre" - spirit that represents a person
15. What is the girls' response when Sarah Goode claims her innocence?  
convulsions and screams
16. How many people does Tituba say signed the Devil's book?  
9 (including herself)

17. What second group of people were accused?  
upstanding citizens
18. How old was the youngest of the accused?  
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19. Describe Bridget Bishop.  
property owner, married multiple times, independent, previously accused of witchcraft
20. What happened to her?  
found guilty and hanged
21. What would happen to a person who confessed to witchcraft?  
they would survive and would be left to be judged and punished by God
22. What happened on July 19, ~~1662~~ 1692?  
5 women were hanged
23. What happened to Rev. Nowes?  
choked to death on his own blood
24. What did Burrows do?  
recited the Lord's Prayer perfectly
25. How did Giles Corey die?  
pressed to death
26. What happened to convicted witches?  
expelled from church, wiped their memories from the record
27. Toward the end, who do the girls begin to accuse?  
men, children, ministers, etc.
28. On Jan. 16, 1697, what happened?  
Day of Public Fasting - public petition asking for forgiveness for witch hunt
29. John Hale wrote what in 1702?  
A Modest Inquiry Into the Nature of Witchcraft
30. Anne Putnam was how old when she apologized?  
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31. What happened in 1711? → 1957? - guilty sentence reversed for remaining 9 people  
reversed the convictions of 22 of 31 people, paid restitution
32. What are some possible reasons the accusations of witchcraft were made?  
for fun/attention  
to be heard in a male-dominated society