**Documentary: Salem Witch Trials**

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1. From the 14th to the 16th century there were witch hunts in **ITALY**, **FRANCE**, **GERMANY**, and **ENGLAND** which accounted for the death of 40,000 to 50,000 people.

2. The idea of witchcraft came from people’s understanding of **HOLY SCRIPTURES**.

3. Superstitious villagers, “used it as a tool to get rid of **THEIR IMAGINED, OR REAL, ENEMIES**

4. What types of proof were used to prove that someone was a witch?

a. **DEVIL’S MARK**

b. **WITCHES TEET**

c. **PIERCING THE TEET WITH A NEEDLE – NO PAIN/BLOOD = WITCH**

d. **SWIMMING A WITCH – TORTURE = CONFESSION**

5. When the king of England became the head of the church, witchcraft became an act of **TREASON** that was punishable by **DEATH**.

6. In **1629**, the **PURITANS** moved to America to settle an ideal community and govern a colony in Massachusetts. They remained **BRITISH** citizens.

7. The ‘theocracy’ they created had no separation between **CHURCH** and **STATE**.

8. In **1692**, the witch hunt began in the village of Salem which had **500** inhabitants.

9. The Puritans feared the forest because it could conceal **AN INDIAN RAID** or **THE DEVIL**.

10. They lived in a **misogynistic** community where women were subservient to men. They believed that women would be more likely to join the **DEVIL’S SERVICE** because they were more easily tempted.

11. Elizabeth was **9** years old and Abigail was **11** years old.

12. Tituba, a slave, was from **BARBADOS.**

13. What forbidden activities does Tituba do with the girls?

a. **VOODOO**

b. **TRICKS**

c. **EGG WHITES TO SEE HUSBAND**

14. How did the girls react? **SCREAMING/ CRYING/ FITS/ TRANCES/ CUT WITH KNIVES/ THROWN IN FIRE/ THROWING THINGS**

15. The first people to be accused were of **LOW** social class.

16. What unusual evidence was accepted at the hearings? **SPECTRAL (SPECTER OF THE PERSON)**

17. How did Tituba survive? **CONFESSING**

18. What was the next group of people to be accused? **UPSTANDING MEMBERES OF THE COMMUNITY**

19. What fed the girls’ accusations? **POWER** and **ATTENTION**.

20. **SEPTEMBER 22, 1692** was the date of the last executions.

a. **24** were killed in total

b. **19** died by hanging

c. **4** died in prison

d. **1** died by being pressed to death

21. The trials were ended because **ACCUSATIONS BECAME TOO OUTRAGEOUS (MEN, CHILDREN, MINISTERS, UPPER CLASS, MINISTERS’ WIVES)**

22. It took **5** years before the citizens of Salem repented for their actions during the witch hunt.

23. **ANN PUTNAM JR**. was the only accuser to apologize.