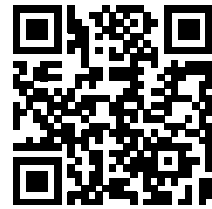


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Puritans and the Salem Witch Trials



The Puritans were a religious group that played a key role in the _____ witch trials. They had strict beliefs and sought to create a pure Christian society. The Puritans settled in _____ and established a community based on their religious principles. They believed in the presence of _____ and the devil, which influenced their actions during the trials.

In 1692, the _____ witch trials began. The trials were fueled by fear and superstition. Many _____ were accused of witchcraft, but men were also targeted. The Puritans believed that witches could harm the _____ through their evil actions. Accusations often arose from personal disputes and _____.

The trials were marked by hysteria and a lack of evidence. People relied on spectral evidence, which included _____ and visions. This type of evidence was highly unreliable. As a result, many innocent people were executed. The _____ strong belief in the supernatural contributed to the widespread panic.

The _____ and church leaders supported the trials. They believed it was their duty to protect the community from evil. The Puritan minister _____

_____ Parris played a significant role in the accusations. His sermons fueled fear and _____. The trials eventually ended when the governor's wife was accused, leading to increased _____ about the accusations.

The Salem witch trials left a lasting impact on American history. They highlighted the _____ of mass hysteria and the consequences of religious extremism.

The Puritans' desire for a pure society led to the _____ of many innocent people.

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