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The Salem Witch Trials



The _____ Witch Trials, a series of hearings and prosecutions, took place in 1692 in colonial Massachusetts. During this period, more than 200 people were accused of practicing _____. The trials began when a group of young _____ in Salem Village claimed to be possessed by the devil and accused several local women of witchcraft. As fear and _____ spread, more accusations followed. The trials are notorious for the use of _____ evidence, or testimony about dreams and visions. This form of evidence was later deemed unreliable and banned. Among the accused was Bridget _____, who was the first to be executed. In total, 20 individuals were _____, most of them women. The _____ eventually intervened and halted the trials. The Salem Witch Trials are often seen as a cautionary tale about the dangers of isolationism, religious _____, and a flawed legal system. These trials also had a significant impact on the development of the American legal system, particularly in terms of the rights of the _____. The trials ended, but the _____ and lessons they left behind continue to influence American society and legal practices to this day.

executed

spectral

Bishop

witchcraft

paranoia

governor

girls

accused

memories

extremism

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