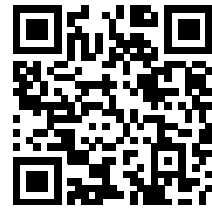


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The Witch Hunts of the Elizabethan Era



The Elizabethan Era was a time of great change in _____. Queen Elizabeth I ruled during this period. People were very superstitious. They often blamed _____ for problems. Bad weather, illness, and crop failures were often seen as witchcraft. _____ were most often accused of being witches. They were thought to have made pacts with the _____. The church played a big role in this belief. It taught that witches were evil. Many people were scared of _____.

Accused witches faced harsh punishments. They could be imprisoned or even executed. The witch trials were unfair. There was little _____ needed to convict someone. Gossip and rumors were often enough. The accused had almost no chance to defend themselves. Torture was sometimes used to get _____. This made the situation even worse. Fear spread quickly in communities. Anyone could be accused of witchcraft.

The _____ supported the witch hunts. Laws were made to punish witches. The Witchcraft Act of 1563 was a _____. It made witchcraft a crime punishable by death. Many trials were held in the late 16th century. Hundreds of _____ were accused. The fear of witches affected everyone. It was a dark time in England's _____.

However, not everyone believed in witchcraft. Some people spoke out against the trials. They thought the _____ were based on superstition. Over time, the hysteria died down. By the early 17th century, fewer trials were held. The _____ eventually ended. The Elizabethan Era left a lasting impact on how people viewed witchcraft.

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