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Torture and Confessions in English Witchcraft Trails



During the witch trials in England, torture played a crucial role in extracting _____. Many accused witches were subjected to painful methods to force them to admit their _____. Torture was believed to be an effective way to reveal the truth about a person's _____ with the devil.

The most common forms of torture included the rack, where the victim's _____ were slowly stretched until they dislocated, and sleep deprivation, where the accused were kept awake for several _____. Another method was pricking, where the witch hunters would use needles to prick the accused's _____, looking for insensitive spots believed to be marks of the devil.

Many _____ confessed to witchcraft under the extreme pain of these tortures, even if they were innocent. These _____ were often used as evidence in court to convict and execute the accused witches. The fear of _____ was so great that it led to widespread panic and accusations, as people tried to avoid being _____ themselves.

The use of torture during the witch trials had a significant impact on English _____. It created an atmosphere of fear and suspicion, where neighbors accused each other of _____. Families were torn apart, and communities were disrupted by the constant _____ of being accused and tortured.

The witch trials and the use of torture eventually led to a shift in public _____. People began to question the validity of confessions obtained under torture and the fairness of the trials. This _____ contributed to the decline of the witch hunts and the eventual end of the use of torture in judicial _____.

In conclusion, torture was a key element in the witch trials in England, used to extract confessions and secure _____. Its impact on society was profound, causing fear, suspicion, and the breakdown of community _____. Over time, the brutality of these methods led to a change in how people viewed the justice system and the _____ of those accused of crimes.

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