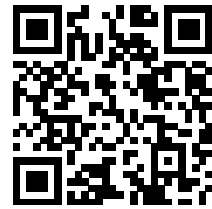


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Witch Panic in Salem



The Salem witch trials were a dark time in American _____. In 1692, the small town of Salem in Massachusetts was gripped by _____. The witch panic began when a group of young girls claimed to be possessed by _____. Their strange behavior and fits sparked fear among the townspeople. The _____ quickly spread, leading to the arrest of many innocent people. The _____ were based on spectral evidence, which was testimony about dreams and _____. This kind of evidence was unreliable but was accepted in court. The fear of _____ was so strong that logical thinking was overshadowed by _____. Many of the accused were women, as they were often seen as more susceptible to the devil's _____. The trials created a sense of distrust in the community, as neighbors turned against each other. The witch _____ finally ended when the governor of Massachusetts intervened. He stopped the trials and declared a day of _____ and soul-searching. The Salem witch trials remain a powerful example of the _____ of mass hysteria and the importance of due process in the justice _____.

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