WebQuest on Puritan Life & the Salem Witch Trials Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Directions: Press Ctrl+Click to follow each link. Record your responses in one of three ways:

* + - * Download this document and add your answers.
      * Write your responses VERY NEATLY on this page.
      * Write your responses on your own paper.

**1. Read the first four paragraphs of** [**this article**](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/salem.htm) **on the Salem witchcraft trials.**

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A. When did the hysteria begin?

B. What signs of witchcraft did the people of Salem witness?

C. What stands out most to you about the people who accused others of being witches?

D. How many people were affected by the accusations, trials, and punishments of 1692?

**2. Experience** [**this virtual witch trial**](http://www3.nationalgeographic.com/salem/) **(**[**http://www.nationalgeographic.com/salem/**](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/salem/)**) to get a feel for what it was like to be accused in the Salem witchcraft trials.**

A. In three or more sentences, give your impression of this virtual site.

**3. Read this information about Witchcraft in Salem and take the instant quiz at the end:** [**http://www.ushistory.org/us/3g.asp**](http://www.ushistory.org/us/3g.asp)

A. Question 1 – Which of the following was not grounds for witch accusation?

B. Question 2 – Who was one of the first three Salem people to be accused of witchcraft?

C. Question 3 – How many people were executed for being witches?

D. Question 4 – Which of the following was not a possible cause of the hysteria?

**4. Review** [**this timeline of the events**](http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/ASAL_CH.HTM) **of the Salem witchcraft trials. (**[**http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/ASAL\_CH.HTM**](http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/ASAL_CH.HTM)**)**

A. Prior to 1692, the Puritans hanged a woman accused of being a witch. If the afflicted person’s strange behavior continued, what should they have recognized?

B. Why were the first arrest warrants issued in 1692?

C. In April of 1692, which person admitted to lying in court but later reversed her confession?

D. Who was the first person to be convicted and hanged for witchcraft?

E. What significant event happened in 1706, 14 years after the trials?

**5. Follow this link and click the tab for “You’re Accused!” to figure out what you would do if YOU were accused of being a witch!** [**http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/SALEM.HTM**](http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/SALEM.HTM)

A. What options did an accused witch have in Salem?

B. Which option would you have most likely have chosen if you had been accused?

Briefly explain your choice.