Webquest: Salem Witch Trials Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** First, preview the questions below that you will want to find the answers to. Next, visit the following websites to find more information about the Salem Witch Trials of 1692.

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

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1. Read [this timeline of the events](http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/ASAL_CH.HTM) of the Salem witchcraft trials.

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1. View [this actual arrest warrant](http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/ASAL_WA.HTM) from the Salem witchcraft trials.

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Questions to Answer:

1. What were some beliefs about witchcraft and witches people held in the past?
2. What were the Salem witchcraft trials?
3. What are some possible explanations for the Salem witchcraft trials?
4. What options did an accused witch have in Salem?
5. How quickly did things get out of hand in Salem?
6. How long did the Salem witchcraft trials go on for?
7. What sort of evidence was used to arrest accused witches?
8. Do "witch hunts" still happen?
9. Can you think of anything else that has happened in this country that would also be considered a "witch hunt"?

Use the following website to learn about the differences between Arthur Miller’s *The Crucible*, and what actually happened.

<http://www.17thc.us/docs/fact-fiction.shtml> (go about halfway down the page for a list)

List the differences here:

Why do you think Miller made these changes?