hysteria-

Puritan beliefs:

**Salem Witch Trials Internet Assignment**

Go to: <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/SALEM.HTM>

Click on ***An Account of Events in Salem***

Read the information to answer the questions. You will need to summarize information that you find….most of it will not be “word for word”. Click on the links when directed for more information.

1. What combination of factors led to the events in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692, according to this author?
2. Click on the link for **Samuel Parris**. Explain Parris’ role in the community of Salem. Describe his relations within the community. What sort of actions did he take that began and/or increased the hysteria?
3. Click on **Tituba**. Explain who Tituba was and the part she played in the beginning of the witchcraft hysteria.
4. What were the first symptoms that Betty Parris exhibited?
5. What are some **modern theories** or explanations as to what could have caused Betty Parris’ symptoms?
6. Who was Cotton Mather? How did he contribute to the hysteria in Salem even though he did not live there?
7. What was *Memorable Providences* about?
8. What other factors made people in Massachusetts paranoid and ready to believe that the devil was “close at hand”?
9. When Ann Putnam and Mercy Lewis began to exhibit similar symptoms what did the people begin to suspect?
10. Why did suspicion begin to fall upon Tituba?
11. As the number of girls afflicted increased, what common symptoms and behaviors developed among them?
12. Who were the first three women to be accused? Why was **each** of these chosen?
13. Describe some of the accusations offered by the afflicted girls against the first three women accused.
14. Describe Tituba’s testimony specifically. What effect did her confession have on the community?
15. Why did Governor Phips take such swift action when he returned from a trip from England?

1. What was the “Court of the Oyer and Terminer” and what was its purpose?
2. What types of things could be used as evidence that one was a witch?
3. What things about Bridget Bishop made her a target for accusation?
4. What were some of the accusations made against Rebecca Nurse? What were the real reasons she was accused?
5. What happened to those who were critical of the witch hunt?
6. What happened to John Proctor when he spoke out against the accusers? Why was his wife Elizabeth spared from execution?
7. Who was George Burroughs? What happened on Gallows Hill at his hanging?
8. Who was Giles Corey and why did he refuse to stand for trial? What was his punishment for refusal?
9. Explain the part Increase Mather played in the ending of the witch hunt hysteria. What did he say specifically about executing innocent people for witchcraft?
10. List the numbers of people (and others) arrested and punished during the witch hysteria in Salem.
11. What differences, noted by scholars, were there between the accused and the accusers in Salem?
12. List examples of “atonement” that occurred after the Salem Witch hunts.
13. Why does this author say that it is important to learn history and particularly, the lessons of Salem?

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Click on ***Causes***

1. List four causes of the hysteria.

Click on ***Why it Ended***

1. List the reasons for the end of the hysteria.
2. Bonus: Play the **Jeopardy** Game on this page. How did you do?