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# Week 2 Workbook - Youth Edition

**January 5-11, 2026: Salem Village Divided**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Started:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade/Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## This Week's Videos & Podcast

### Daily Videos (Salem Witch Trials Daily YouTube Playlist)

- **January 5:** Salem Town, Salem Farms, and Salem Village
- **January 6:** Samuel Parris
- **January 7:** Religion in Massachusetts
- **January 8:** Myths
- **January 9:** Witches and the Diabolical Pact
- **January 10:** Warfare
- **January 11:** Massachusetts Economy

### Recent Podcast (Extra Credit!)

**The Thing About Tituba** (Premiere episode about Tituba's real story vs. the myths)

This podcast goes deeper into the actual history. It's optional but really interesting!

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## How to Use This Workbook

1. **Watch** each daily video (they're short!)
2. **Check out the transcript** if you want to review something
3. **Complete** the activities below
4. **Read** the weekly blog to see the big picture
5. **Do** the weekly challenges

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## DAILY VIDEO ACTIVITIES

### January 5: Three Salems

#### Quick Recap:

Salem wasn't just one place. There was Salem \_\_\_\_\_ (the rich port city), Salem \_\_\_\_\_ (farming land), and Salem \_\_\_\_\_ (the small village that wanted independence). The village wanted their own minister in 1666 but Salem Town said no. They finally got permission in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Why does this matter?

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### January 6: Samuel Parris Drama

#### Stop and Think:

After learning about the sketchy vote that gave Parris the parsonage:

*Only one person objected to giving Parris the house and land, which means probably not everyone knew about the meeting. Why would this land grab make people hate him forever?*

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#### Mind-Blowing Fact:

For over 3 years (March 1690 to July 1693), how many men joined Parris's church?

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What were the men basically saying?

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### January 7: Religion in Massachusetts

#### Stop and Think:



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After learning about forced toleration:

*Imagine your school suddenly had to accept and treat equally a group you'd been taught to hate (Puritans had literally executed Quakers). How would that feel?*

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### Important Difference:

What's the difference between being possessed by a demon vs. being bewitched? Why did people care about the difference?

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## January 8: Myths Busted

### Myth Detective:

Check off the myths that got debunked this week:

- The accused were actually witches
- All accused were old women
- It was mass hysteria
- Ergot (moldy grain) caused it
- There were land grabs
- Tituba taught girls witchcraft
- They were burned at the stake
- The Crucible is historically accurate

### Which myth surprised you most?

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### Why did that one surprise you?

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## January 9: What People Thought Witches Were

### Stop and Think:

After learning what colonists believed witches could do:

*If everyone thought witches could send invisible spirits to attack you from miles away, how would you EVER prove you weren't a witch?*

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## January 10: Warfare

### Fill It In:

King Philip's War (1675-1678) killed about \_\_\_\_\_ colonists and \_\_\_\_\_ Native Americans. The economy didn't recover until the \_\_\_\_\_ century. King William's War destroyed frontier towns and sent refugees to \_\_\_\_\_ County where Salem was.

### Why does this matter?

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## January 11: Economic Disaster

### Stop and Think:

After learning about the Little Ice Age, war debt, and inflation:

*When the government can't provide food or protection, what happens to people's trust? What do scared, broke people do?*

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### The Saddest Story:

What happened to 4-year-old Dorothy Good?



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## DETECTIVE WORK: Find the Divisions

**Your Mission:** Find 3 examples of how Salem Village was divided (rich vs. poor, pro-Parris vs. anti-Parris, town vs. village, etc.)

### Example 1:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What you found:

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### Example 2:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What you found:

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### Example 3:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What you found:

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## VOCAB CHECK

Define these in your own words (no copying!):

### Salem Town:

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## Salem Village:

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**Parish vs. Church:**

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**Parsonage:**

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**Halfway Covenant:**

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**Spectral evidence:**

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**Diabolical pact:**

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**Little Ice Age:**

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**Warning out:**

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## WEEKLY CHALLENGES

### Challenge 1: What Happens Next?

You know Salem Village is a mess. People hate their minister. The economy is crashing. Wars are happening. Families are divided.

**When accusations start, what do you think happens? Who gets accused? Who believes it?**

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## Challenge 2: Find the Proof

**Claim:** "Salem Village was already a disaster before anyone got accused of witchcraft."

**Your job:** Find 3 pieces of evidence from this week's videos. Write the date and what proves the claim.

### Evidence 1:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof:

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### Evidence 2:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof:

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### Evidence 3:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof:

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## Challenge 3: Time Travel Journal

**You live in Salem Village in early 1692.**

Pick a side: Do you support or hate Samuel Parris? The village is falling apart. Families won't pay him. The committee won't help. You either go to his church or refuse to.



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**Write 5-7 sentences from your perspective:** What do you think about Parris? The village? Are you scared? Mad? What's going to happen?

## Challenge 4: Myth Busting

Lots of people believe wrong stuff about Salem (ergot, The Crucible, hysteria). Share what you learned.

### Check what you did:

- Told someone the truth about a myth
- Posted about it on TikTok/Instagram/etc.
- Talked about it in class or with friends
- Made content correcting myths
- Connected Salem's problems to modern issues

## What did you share? What happened?

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## DISCUSSION QUESTION

After reading this week's blog:

Salem Village had major divisions (team Parris vs. team anti-Parris, rich vs. poor, town vs. village). Does this remind you of anything happening today? What happens when a divided community faces a crisis?

## Your thoughts:

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## PODCAST ACTIVITIES (Optional but Cool!)

### Listening Notes: "The Thing About Tituba"

#### Questions:

1. What did the doctor say was wrong with Betty and Abigail on Feb 24?

2. What's a witch cake and who told Tituba to make it?

3. When did the girls blame Tituba?

4. Who were the 4 men who filed the complaint?

5. What weird stuff did Tituba say she saw during her examination?

### Myth vs. Reality

#### The myth about Tituba:

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#### The truth:

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## Why does this myth matter?

### Think About It

**How does Tituba's story show how race, poverty, and being a woman made you a target?**

**What's one thing from the podcast that changed what you thought?**

## YOUR PROGRESS

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**Where we are:** January 5-11, 1692. Salem Village is a mess. Everyone's divided, broke, and scared. The minister is hated. We're about to hit the breaking point.

**Coming next week:** Mid-January when everything explodes and accusations start.

## BADGE COLLECTION

Check off the badges you've earned:



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- #SalemWeek2** - You finished Week 2!  **#SalemDailyStudent**
- #SalemDescendantPathStudent** - If your ancestors were involved

**Did you post your badges? Where?**

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**You crushed Week 2! You're not just watching videos - you're doing real research. See you next week!**

**Post your progress:** #SalemWeek2 #ThingAboutSalem #SalemDailyYoutube

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## Resources & Links

### This Week's Stuff

#### Video Playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIz3vKHO9eBqlfjWd4e0mZpuXlxzaE-3>

#### Podcast:

The Thing About Tituba at <https://aboutsalem.com>

### Useful Websites

**The Thing About Salem:** <https://aboutsalem.com>

**The Thing About Witch Hunts:** <https://aboutwitchhunts.com>

**Primary Sources:** <http://www.17thc.us/primarysources/accused.php>

### Books if You Want to Go Deeper

- Francis J. Bremer, *Puritanism: A Very Short Introduction*  
<https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9780195334555>
- Emerson W. Baker, *A Storm of Witchcraft*  
<https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9780190627805>
- Bernard Rosenthal, *Records of the Salem Witch-Hunt*  
<https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9781107689619>
- Marilynne K. Roach, *The Salem Witch Trials: A Day-by-Day Chronicle*  
<https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9781589791329>
- Marilynne K. Roach, *Six Women of Salem*  
<https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9780306823602>



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- Mary Beth Norton, *In the Devil's Snare*  
<https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9780375706905>
- Increase Mather, *Cases of Conscience*  
<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A70086.0001.001/1:9.1?rgn=div2&view=fulltext>

## Course Hub

**Salem Witch Trials Daily Hub:** <https://aboutsalem.com/salem-witch-trials-daily/>

**Week 1 Course Work:**

<https://aboutsalem.com/salem-witch-trials-daily-course-week-1-setting-the-stage-for-salem/>

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