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Week 2 Workbook - Youth Edition

January 5-11, 2026: Salem Village Divided

Your Name: _____

Date Started: _____

Grade/Age: _____

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

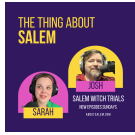
Recent Podcast (Extra Credit!)

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!

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?

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?

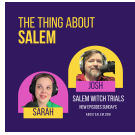
Mind-Blowing Fact:

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

What were the men basically saying?

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?

Important Difference:

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

January 8: Myths Busted

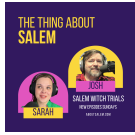
Myth Detective:

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?

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?

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?

January 11: Economic Disaster

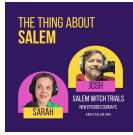
Stop and Think:

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?

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:

Example 2:

Date: _____

What you found:

Example 3:

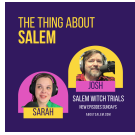
Date: _____

What you found:

VOCAB CHECK

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

Salem Town:



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Salem Village:

Parish vs. Church:

Parsonage:

Halfway Covenant:

Spectral evidence:

Diabolical pact:

Little Ice Age:

Warning out:

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:

Evidence 2:

Date: _____

Proof:

Evidence 3:

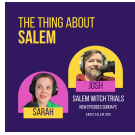
Date: _____

Proof:

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

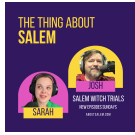
What did you share? What happened?

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?

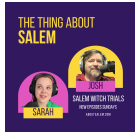
4. Who were the 4 men who filed the complaint?

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

Myth vs. Reality

The myth about Tituba:

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?

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

Resources & Links

This Week's Stuff

Video Playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIz3vKHO9eBqIfjWd4e0mZpuXlrzaE-3>

Podcast:

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

Useful Websites

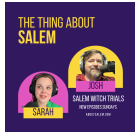
The Thing About Salem: <https://aboutsalem.com>

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/>

Support the Project

This course is made by End Witch Hunts, a nonprofit.

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Help get justice for accused witches:

Sign the petition: www.change.org/witchtrials

Learn more: <https://massachusettswitchtrials.org/>