

# Week 10 Youth Edition Workbook - March 2–8, 1692: A Colony Without a Compass

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## This Week's Videos & Podcast

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

- March 2: The Devil's Book Has Nine Names
- March 3: The Evidence Nobody Else Could See
- March 4: A Quiet Day That Echoes
- March 5: The Adults Start Talking
- March 6: A New Name
- March 7: A Turning Point in the Hunt
- March 8: Power, Politics, and International Women's Day

**Weekly Podcast** (Extra Credit!) The Thing About Salem: Tituba as American Cultural Figure with Samaine Lockwood

This one is about how Tituba has been written about, depicted, and distorted across 200 years of American novels and culture. It's optional but genuinely fascinating.

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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

## March 2: The Devil's Book Has Nine Names

### Quick Recap:

Constable \_\_\_\_\_ reported that Sarah Good escaped his custody \_\_\_\_\_ times during transport to \_\_\_\_\_ jail.

Tituba told the magistrates the devil appeared to her on \_\_\_\_\_ in human form. On January 20, he returned with four witches and sent her to harm the children. She said: "I went in and would not hurt them a good while. I would not hurt \_\_\_\_\_. I loved \_\_\_\_\_, but they hauled me and made me pinch \_\_\_\_\_."

Then came the detail that changed everything. Tituba confessed to signing the devil's book in \_\_\_\_\_. The book already held \_\_\_\_\_ signatures. She could identify \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ among them. The other \_\_\_\_\_ she could not read.

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### Stop and Think:

Seven witches were now unidentified and still at large somewhere in Massachusetts. That one detail turned a local crisis into a colony-wide hunt.

When you don't know who the threat is, who becomes a suspect? What does that do to the way people treat each other?

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## March 3: The Evidence Nobody Else Could See

### Quick Recap:

On March 3, the specter of \_\_\_\_\_-year-old \_\_\_\_\_ allegedly attacked Ann Putnam Jr.

A specter was the spiritual form of a living person. It could fly around attacking people while the actual person was somewhere else entirely, even standing right there in the \_\_\_\_\_. The afflicted could see it. No one else could.

Benjamin Hutchinson, great-granduncle of co-host \_\_\_\_\_, showed how this played out. Abigail Williams said she could see the specter of former minister

\_\_\_\_\_. Hutchinson couldn't see anything. He drew his \_\_\_\_\_ and stabbed at the air anyway. Abigail cheered that he had \_\_\_\_\_.

The big legal question of 1692: could the devil take the shape of an \_\_\_\_\_ person without their consent? Most magistrates said \_\_\_\_\_, which made spectral evidence almost impossible to fight.

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**Stop and Think:**

If you were accused, standing right there in the courtroom, and someone pointed at the air next to you and said your ghost was attacking them — what could you possibly say to defend yourself?

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**March 4: A Quiet Day That Echoes**

**Quick Recap:**

March 4 was quiet. No \_\_\_\_\_, no \_\_\_\_\_. But the date carries odd weight.

The Massachusetts Bay Colony charter became operative on March 4, \_\_\_\_\_. It was revoked in \_\_\_\_\_. By March 4, 1692, the replacement was still \_\_\_\_\_.

On the same date in \_\_\_\_\_, King \_\_\_\_\_ granted Pennsylvania to William Penn. By 1692, Pennsylvania had been operating for \_\_\_\_\_ years and had never \_\_\_\_\_ anyone for witchcraft.

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**Stop and Think:**

Two colonies, same era, very different records. One had a valid charter and had never executed anyone for witchcraft. The other was running without a charter, without a governor, with decades of war still unresolved.

What do you think made the biggest difference between them?

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**March 5: The Adults Start Talking**

**Quick Recap:**

Sarah Good was moved from the \_\_\_\_\_ jail to the \_\_\_\_\_ jail. Tituba repeated her confessions a FOURTH time.

Four men submitted a formal statement: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (husband of Sarah Good), \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. The magistrates read it aloud.

Allen said Sarah Good appeared in his chamber at night, sat on his \_\_\_\_\_, and vanished when he moved to strike her. William Good reported finding a strange \_\_\_\_\_ on his wife's body before her examination. John Hughes described a white \_\_\_\_\_ following him home, then a gray \_\_\_\_\_ appearing inside his locked room in a strange light. Braybrook recalled Good declaring she was not afraid because the only witness against her was an "Indian."

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**Stop and Think:**

The witch hunt started with sick girls. By March 5, grown men were filing formal court documents about mysterious animals, lights, and ghosts. Fear is contagious.

What happens to a community when adults start reporting the same kinds of things as the afflicted children?

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**March 6: A New Name**

**Quick Recap:**

On March 6, Ann Putnam Jr. identified the specter that had been attacking her since March 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

Elizabeth's grandmother, \_\_\_\_\_, had been accused of witchcraft in \_\_\_\_\_. The community believed witchcraft ran through \_\_\_\_\_, which meant Elizabeth was already under suspicion before she ever did anything.

Ann Putnam Jr. later testified: "I saw the apparition of Goody Proctor amongst the witches...but I did not know who she was till the \_\_\_\_\_ of March."

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**Stop and Think:**

Elizabeth Proctor's grandmother was accused of witchcraft 23 years before Salem. Elizabeth had nothing to do with it. That accusation followed her family anyway.

Have you ever been judged for something someone else in your family did? What does it feel like to inherit that kind of suspicion?

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**March 7: Three Things at Once**

**Quick Recap:**

Three separate crises converged on March 7, 1692.

First: Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ and Sir \_\_\_\_\_ departed \_\_\_\_\_ . Their absence meant no \_\_\_\_\_ and no courts capable of trying capital cases. When Phips arrived in mid-May, he authorized the \_\_\_\_\_ to manage the backlog.

Second: Local ministers met in \_\_\_\_\_. They believed Massachusetts was a city upon a \_\_\_\_\_, under organized satanic attack. That belief had been building for \_\_\_\_\_.

Third: Magistrates ordered the three accused women transferred to the \_\_\_\_\_ jail. Sarah Good arrived with her \_\_\_\_\_, born December 1691. The jailkeeper got \_\_\_\_\_ for the baby. The baby died before \_\_\_\_\_.

Of the three women:

- \_\_\_\_\_ survived but stayed in prison until May 1693
  - \_\_\_\_\_ died in prison on May 10, 1692, before any trial
  - \_\_\_\_\_ was executed July 19, 1692
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**Stop and Think:**

A baby died in that prison. Dorothy Good, age four, was later transferred and fitted with tiny shackles.

The people who did this genuinely believed they were protecting their community. That's actually what makes it so hard to understand. How do ordinary people end up doing things like this?

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## March 8: Salem Elects Its Leaders

### Quick Recap:

On March 8, Salem held its annual \_\_\_\_\_ and voted in new leaders.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were chosen as selectmen, but would both be accused of witchcraft in May. \_\_\_\_\_ was elected and would later stand up for \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were elected and both filed accusations against their neighbors.

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### Stop and Think:

The same vote put future accusers and future accused into office on the same day.

Does that tell you the accusations were random? Or does it suggest something about how fear spreads through a community's leadership?

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## QUOTE DETECTIVE CHALLENGE

Read this testimony from Ann Putnam Jr., given on April 11, 1692:

"On the 3rd of March, 1692, I saw the apparition of Goody Proctor amongst the witches, and she did almost choke me immediately and bite and pinch me. But I did not know who she was till the 6th of March that I saw her at a meeting."

**1. Ann claims she saw a specter on March 3 but couldn't name it until March 6. That's three days later. Does that make her testimony more or less believable to you? Why?**

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2. The judges found this credible. What did they have to believe about Ann's ability to see things other people couldn't?

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3. If you were Elizabeth Proctor, what could you actually do to defend yourself against this accusation?

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## VOCAB CHECK

Define in your own words — no copying.

**Deposition** (hint: it's what the five community members submitted on March 2):

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**Spectral evidence:**

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**Court of Oyer and Terminer:**

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**Interim government:**

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## WEEKLY CHALLENGES

### Challenge 1: What Happens Next?

At the end of this week: three women are in the Boston jail, seven witches are unidentified and at large, a new name has just been added to the suspect list, and the governor is two months away at sea.

What do you think happens over the next four weeks? Be specific.

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## Challenge 2: Find the Evidence

**Claim:** "By the end of the first week of March 1692, what started as a household crisis had become a colony-wide hunt with no legal system in place to handle it."

Find three pieces of evidence from this week that support this claim. Include the date.

**Evidence 1 — Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Evidence 2 — Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Evidence 3 — Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Challenge 3: Time Travel Journal

It is the evening of March 7, 1692. Tituba, Sarah Good, and Sarah Osborne have just been sent to the Boston jail. Sarah Good's baby went with her. Tituba has named nine names in the devil's book, seven still unknown. The governor is two months away at sea.

Write 5–7 sentences from your perspective. What do you believe? Who do you trust? What are you afraid of tonight?

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## Challenge 4: Share What You Learned

Told a friend or family member something surprising from this week  Posted about it on TikTok, Instagram, or another platform  Talked about it with a group or class  Made your own content  Connected it to something happening today

What did you share? How did they react?

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## DISCUSSION QUESTION

After reading this week's blog, think about this:

Seven names in the devil's book remained unidentified after Tituba's confession. That one detail shifted the crisis from a local accusation into a colony-wide hunt. How does searching for an unknown enemy change the way a community treats its own members? Can you think of any examples from history or today where the same thing happened?

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## PODCAST ACTIVITIES (Optional but Cool!)

### The Thing About Salem: Tituba as American Cultural Figure with Samaine Lockwood

1. In most 19th century Salem novels, how is the central white female character depicted, and what happens to her?

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2. How is Tituba usually depicted in those same novels compared to the white female protagonist?

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3. Lockwood connects this pattern to specific events happening in American history at the same time. What events does she name?

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4. What did Ann Petry's novel *Tituba of Salem Village* do differently?

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5. Lockwood says the Salem story keeps getting retold because Americans use it to think about citizenship and democracy. What do you think that means?

**Think About It:**

Lockwood says how a culture depicts a historical figure tells us as much about the people doing the depicting as about the original person.

You've been learning about the real Tituba from 1692 transcripts. What do you think is lost when she is reduced to a racist stereotype in a novel?

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## YOUR PROGRESS

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**Where we are:** March 2–8, 1692. Seven names in the devil's book are unidentified. A baby is in prison. A four-year-old is about to join her in chains. The governor is still two months away. The hunt is just getting started.

**Coming next week:** The accusations explode beyond the original three women. New names, new families, new warrants.

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## BADGE COLLECTION

- #SalemDailyStudent — Still here, still learning!
- #SalemWeek10 — You finished Week 10!
- #SalemDescendantPathStudent — If your ancestors were involved

Did you post your badges? Where?

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You made it through one of the biggest weeks of the entire Salem crisis. See you next week.

**Post your progress: #SalemDailyStudent #SalemWeek10 #SalemWitchTrialsDaily  
#SalemDailyYoutube #SalemDescendantPath**

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## Resources & Links

**Video Playlist:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIz3vKHO9eBqlfjWd4e0mZpuXlrxzaE-3>

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

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

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**Books** Bernard Rosenthal, ed., Records of the Salem Witch-Hunt: <https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9781107689619> Emerson W. Baker, A Storm of Witchcraft: <https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9780190627805> Marilynne K. Roach, The Salem Witch Trials: A Day-by-Day Chronicle: <https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9781589791329> Mary Beth Norton, In the Devil's Snare: <https://bookshop.org/a/90227/9780375706905>

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