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Advanced American History

Salem Witch Trials

Answer the following questions using the linked websites

<http://salem.lib.virginia.edu/home.html>

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/salem.htm>

* What kind of evidence was used during these trials?
* Were the accused innocent until proven guilty?
* Think about the vocabulary used in these court cases. Who makes reference to the Bible - the accused, the judges, the accusers, everyone? When do they reference the Bible? Why do you think they make these references?
* What were the punishments for witchcraft? Were they appropriate punishments?
* Who were the witnesses, if any? What did they add to the court proceedings? Was their testimony useful? Does it seem to have been taken into account by the judge? To which witnesses, or which testimonies, is more attention paid?
* What pressures did the accusers face? The judges?
* What kinds of things were the 'witches' accused of causing to happen?