Salem Witch Trials

Movie Guide

1. In what year and in what town was the first witch trial?
2. What did the Puritans believe about their ultimate fate?
3. Who did the Puritans believe was more likely to enlist in the devil’s service?
4. Approximately how many people were accused of being witches in 1692?
5. In whose kitchen did the witch stories begin?
6. When the young girls start acting out in church, with what does the doctor diagnose them?
7. Who are the first two town citizens accused of being witches?
8. What did these two women have in common?
9. What type of evidence is allowed in the hearings?
10. How do the girls react to the denials by Sarah Goode?
11. According to Tituba, how many names are in the devil’s book?
12. How does the new round of accusations differ from the first round?
13. What is the age of the youngest person accused of being a witch?
14. Ironically, what was the one way to survive the witch trials?
15. How many people confessed to witchcraft?
16. What does the Reverend George Burrows say before being hung that casts doubt on him being a witch?
17. How many people lost their lives during the witch trials of 1692?
18. How did Giles Corey die?
19. When the trials are moved to the superior court what evidence is no longer admissible?
20. How many people are now acquitted of being witches?
21. What is significant about Jan. 16, 1697?
22. Who was the only accuser to ever apologize?
23. In 1711, what happened to 22 of the 31 guilty verdicts of witchcraft?
24. What was the main impact of the Salem Witch Trials on the American justice system?