

Salem Witch Trial

Mock Trial Script #1

Judge: Bailiff bring out the accused, Sarah Good.

Bailiff brings out defendant in handcuffs.

Judge: Sarah Good, thou art here accused that not having the fear of God before thine eyes thou hast had familiarity with Satan the grand enemy of God and man, and that by his instigation and help thou hast in a preternatural way afflicted and done harm to the bodies and his Majesty's subjects, Elizabeth Parris and Abigail Williams, for which by the law of God and the Colony of Massachusetts thou deservest to die by hanging. Sarah Good, thou hast heard the complaints against you. Is it true that you are a witch?

Sarah: Certainly not, Your Honor.

Judge: Have you seen the Devil, Sarah Good?

Sarah: Never, Your Honor!

Judge: If you are not a witch, how do you explain the contortions that young Elizabeth Parris and Abigail Williams go into in your presence?

Sarah: It must all be fake, Your Honor!

Judge: Did you visit John Putnam's farm two weeks ago?

Sarah: I did, Your Honor.

Judge: How do you explain the fact that a baby calf was born the day after your visit and that calf had a grossly deformed leg?

Sarah: I can't explain it, Your Honor. I had nothing to do with it, I swear!

Judge: Isn't it true Sarah Good that you have a witches' mark on your neck?

Sarah: Your Honor, I have had a small mole on my neck my entire life. It is NOT a witches' mark!

Judge: Silence! I have heard enough. I find that you are guilty of witchcraft and sentence you to be hanged in the town square next Saturday. Bailiff, take her away!