Background on the Salem Witch Trials

http://www.salemwitchmuseum.com/learn.html http://www.school.discovery.com/conversations/getthefacts/salemfacts.html www.discovery.com/stories/history/witches/witches.html

- 1. Approximately when did the Salem witch trials take place?
- 2. What are some possible causes for the hysteria in Salem?
- 3. Who was Samuel Parrish?
- 4. Who was Tituba?
- 5. What event concerning the Parrish children ignited the hysteria?
- 6. Who was Cotton Mather?
- 7. What types of punishment were used for those accused of witchcraft?
- 8. What happened to those who did not confess to witchcraft?

9. How many lives did the Salem trials ultimately claim?