

Persecution by the Persecuted Webquest

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Intro: In spite of the fact that Puritans left England for religious freedom, they had a tendency to treat dissenters harshly and be intolerant of those not espousing or upholding their beliefs. In this webquest, you will explore the ways in which the Puritans quashed this dissent through three cases: Anne Hutchinson, Roger Williams, and the Salem Witch Trials.

Directions: Go to the following URL's and explore the resources found to answer the questions below corresponding to the reading or media. Use my classroom website to easily link to the sites.

Site 1: <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-by-era/religion-and-eighteenth-century-revivalism/essays/puritans-and-dissent-cases-roger-wi>

Source: *The Puritans and Dissent: The Cases of Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson* by Francis J. Bremer

1. For what reason does Bremer argue that the Puritans came to America? How does this differ or confirm your preconception of this migration story?
2. Describe the development of religious debate in Puritan New England.
3. How did Roger Williams' views compare to those of the people he encountered in Plymouth and Massachusetts?
4. What ultimately led to Williams' being banished from the colony? What did he do after he left, which is a big part of his legacy?
5. How did Anne Hutchinson's views compare to those of the people he encountered in Plymouth and Massachusetts?
6. How do you think being a woman impacted the perception of Hutchinson's views at this time? In your view, what role does gender play in assessing Hutchinson's legacy?

7. Bremer ends by discussing how the attempts to define limits in Puritan society can help us better understand our struggles with this today. How do you think the lessons of Puritan New England translate into today's America? Give examples and draw clear connections.
8. Google Anne Hutchinson and research her post-excommunication life. Describe what happened to her including her death.

Site 2: <http://www.history.com/topics/salem-witch-trials> (video-use headphones)

Source: Salem Witch Trials, History Channel

1. What were the Puritans in Salem so afraid of and why?
2. Why were people, in particular women, accused of witchcraft?
3. 19 people died as a result of the trials. What do you think this says about Puritan New England? How would this impact your stance on the DBQ question in terms of how they would fair compared to VA?

Site 3:

<http://www.ltidschools.org/cms/lib09/TX21000349/Centricity/Domain/1934/Arthur%20Miller%20Excerpts%20on%20why%20he%20wrote%20the%20play.pdf>

Source: Excerpts from articles by Arthur Miller about Why he Wrote *The Crucible*

1. Outline below the main reasons that Miller wrote the book.
2. In what ways does persecution in Salem echo what Miller saw during the Communist "witch hunts" led by Joe McCarthy in the 1940's and 50's?

3. Do you think there are any situations in today's America that echo these same concerns? Explain.

Site 4:

http://mrmcmurray.weebly.com/uploads/3/7/9/3/37934073/salem_lesson_plan_sheg_student_pack.pdf

Source: Salem Witch Trials, Stanford History Education Group

Read the documents and follow the instructions on the site. Use the following pages to record your responses.