

## The Salem Newspaper

**This project is a joint project with Ms. Churchill and Ms. Rodriguez-Lawson. The parameter for this project are as follows:**

You are the staff of a local Salem newspaper in 1692. You have been very busy lately because the town faces a historic crisis. Hundreds of people have been accused and arrested of witchcraft. The town is anxious to read the next edition of your newspaper because you have a reputation for describing these situations with precise and well-chosen language.

*Your newspaper is a traditional publication. This paper has been in your family for many generations, so you are obligated to abide by a few publication guidelines.*

1. Your great-grandfather wanted every paper to have a theme, and the obvious theme for this edition in the Salem Witch Trials. This means that nearly every picture, article, illustration, infographic, editorial, recipe, and picture caption must address the theme. You are welcome to add additional content, but these items will be enjoyed, not graded.
2. Your Uncle Phinneas decided long ago that the most important part of the paper was the quality of the articles. Keeping with this tradition, you must write at least 4 articles covering the Witch Trials of at least 300 words. These articles are to be technical in nature, which means they should examine a system, process or design. Examples include but are not limited to, "How to tell a witch" Court proceedings, timelines, character perspectives, point-counterpoint, or any other type of article that examines a system, process or design. Remember this project will be graded for word choice!
3. Your Grandmother convinced you long ago to write down the things you remember because you may or may not always remember them later. You have kept a highly informative journal during the recent events and nearly all the information for your articles and your newspaper will come from that journal. If you have Ms. Churchill your journal is titled "The Crucible", use your journal as a resource to recall specific events conversations, characters, and situations. If you have Ms. Rodriguez-Lawson your journal will be titled "The Salem Witch Trials" use this journal for all your research on the witch trials.

### **Newspaper requirements (you are welcome to have more than the minimum requirements)**

- 4 articles of at least 300 words per article
- 4 pictures, one of which must be a technical drawing (blueprints, maps, etc...)
- 2 infographics (ie. Weather reports, death count, graph/charts, top ten list)
- **\*\*Extra Credit \*\***2 supplemental items (ie. Editorial, recipe, etc...)

**\*\*\* Extra Credit-Credit given on merit.**

If you have both Ms. Lawson and Ms. Churchill two articles will be based on historic events and two will be on *The Crucible*.

If you have just Ms. Rodriguez-Lawson all articles are on the actual Witch Trials. If you have just Ms. Churchill all articles are on *The Crucible*