

TSAS HISTORY NEWSLETTER



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STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

We are looking for a student contribution to feature in every issue of the TSAS History newsletter. If there is topic you are particularly interested in writing about please make submissions to cramsbottom5kt@yare-edu.org.uk or lpateron7nrj@yare-edu.org.uk and we will try to feature you! It needs to be around 100 words and can be on ANY historical topic of your choice.

Look forward to reading!

RECOMMENDED READ OF THE MONTH

The Castle of Tangled Magic

Introduction - Mr Whiteman

This month we have had more interest than ever for our topic on Witches. In particular, this is a topic that Y8 have enjoyed immensely during their lessons on the 'Stuarts' topic. The history of witches is fascinating and historians are re-evaluating their assessment all the time. Today historians tend to view the witch craze less as a random event and more of a systematic attack on women during a time of unrest in the 17th century: this is called a femicide. In class students have questioned their opinion of history and explored how women are portrayed. Well done to all our Y8s involved.

Katie Denmar- Year 11- The Salem witch trials- 1692 to 1693

As we get closer and closer to Halloween, it's only natural to be interested in the belief in witches. This was very much the same in the mid 1400s where witch hysteria first took its toll on the middle ages where sadly, many single/widowed women were the most commonly accused, tried on the ducking stool or tortured into the truth then hanged or burned at the stake. In fact these beliefs lasted all the way up to the early 1600s. However as the hysteria dyed down in Europe, it very quickly spread to America, which was commonly known as the new world back then, more specifically in Salem, Massachusetts.

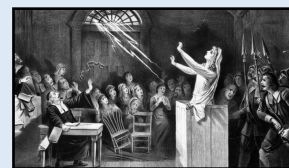
It began when one 9 year old and 11 year old girls started suffering from fits, body contortions and uncontrolled screaming (which we now have identified to be the symptoms of a fungus they congested) and as more people got this illness, mass hysteria of witches quickly broke out. Over 150 people were accused of witchcraft (even men) and 18 were successfully murdered, making this America's greatest trial of witchcraft in history.

So maybe for next Halloween it might be better to go as a ghost.

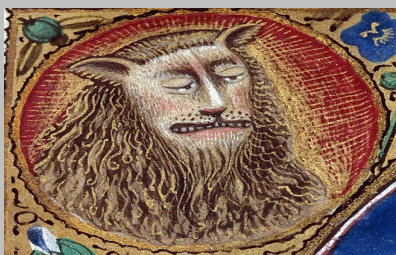
What are we doing in history this half term in KS3?



Year 7- Medieval life
Year 8- Empires
Year 9- WWI



Caption contest



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SOPHIE CROWLE-YEAR 11- WITCHFINDER GENERAL

MATTHEW HOPKINS, THE WITCHFINDER GENERAL, WAS ON A MISSION: DESTROY ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL. HOPKINS' FASCINATION AND SOMEWHAT TREPIDATION REGARDING WITCHES PRIMARILY BEGAN IN 1644, AS HE BELIEVED SEVERAL WITCHES WERE REGULARLY PRACTISING THEIR DARK ARTS CLOSE TO HIS HOME. THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG CAME WHEN HE SUPPOSEDLY OVERHEARD A GROUP OF WOMEN DISCUSSING THEIR NEXT MEETING WITH THE DEVIL AND FROM THEN ON YOUR WITCHFINDER GENERAL WAS IN FULL ACTION. HE CLAIMED TO BE OFFICIALLY COMMISSIONED BY PARLIAMENT IN 1645 WITH A BRIEF TO UNCOVER AND PROSECUTE ALL WITCHES, HOWEVER THE FULL EXTENT TO WHETHER THIS IS TRUE, IS UNKNOWN. HOPKINS WOULD GO ON TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER 300 CONVICTIONS OF WITCHES, IN PARTICULAR WORKING WITHIN THE EAST ANGLIA AREA. MANY OF HIS METHODS TO INVESTIGATE WITCHCRAFT STEMMED FROM KING JAMES' BESTSELLER 'DAEMONOLOGIE' WHICH PROMOTED LOOKING FOR THE DEVIL'S MARK, CUTTING AND SLEEP DEPRIVATION, HOWEVER A PERSONAL FAVOURITE TO HOPKINS WAS A TWIST ON A MEDIEVAL FAVOURITE THE 'SWIMMING TRIAL.' HOPKINS DIED IN 1647 AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS DEATH HIGHLY DEBATED, WITH SOME BELIEVING THAT HE DROWNED UNDER HIS OWN 'SWIMMING TRIAL' AFTER BEING ACCUSED OF WITCHCRAFT HIMSELF!



LANA WATSON-AUGOOD-YEAR 9-WITCHES- MODERN AND HISTORICAL

ARE THEY REAL? OR ARE THEY JUST A FOE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SCARED AND WOMEN SUPPRESSED? WELL, THROUGHOUT HISTORY WITCHES HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO THESE HORRIBLE MONSTERS THAT SIN UNDER SATAN'S NAME AND DECEIVE ONE ANOTHER BUT THEY'RE NOT ACTUALLY THAT BAD. YES YOU'RE RIGHT WE CURSE AND WE WORK WITH SPIRITS THAT YOU THINK ARE "SATAN'S SPAWN" BUT THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA HAS BEEN KNOWN TO EXPLOIT THESE STORIES AND CREATE THEM INTO THINGS THERE NOT, SO FIRST I'M GOING TO START OFF BY SAYING WITCHES AND DEITIES AND SOME DEMONS ARE NOT EVIL. (WELL SOME ANYWAY) WITCHES USE THEIR PRACTICE TO HELP PEOPLE FOR SELF - GROWTH AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT 95% OF THE TIME THEY WOULD JUST LIKE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNIVERSE AND THEIR BODIES AS THERE IS A MUCH MORE SPIRITUAL AWAKENING THAN YOU THINK. SO WHAT IS A WITCH? WITCH, FROM OLD ENGLISH WICCA "FEMALE MAGICIAN, SORCERESS" IN LATER USE ESPECIALLY "A WOMAN SUPPOSED TO HAVE DEALINGS WITH THE DEVIL OR EVIL SPIRITS AND TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM SUPERNATURAL ACTS". LOW GERMAN WIKKEN, WICKEN "TO USE WITCHCRAFT," AND EVEN SOMETIMES A WITCH IS SOMEONE WITH A HIGHER VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY. THE MOST FAMOUS WITCH OF ALL TIME

ELLY KEDWARD MOST COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BLAIR WITCH, IS SAID TO BE ONE OF THE MOST HAUNTING STORIES OF OUR TIME. DUE TO THE STIGMA OF WITCHES AND WARLOCKS, MANY THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN WERE PERSECUTED FOR BEING DIFFERENT AND OUTSPOKEN UNDER THE BELIEF THAT THEY WERE PRACTICING MAGIC. STILL TO THIS DAY IN 21 ST CENTURY LIVING, MANY FACE A MISUNDERSTOOD STIGMA AND ATTITUDE FROM OTHERS WHO MAY NOT UNDERSTAND OR WISH TO LEARN THEIR WAY OF LIVING.

Victor Wang- Year 7

The way people's attitudes towards witches has adapted through the ages is fascinating. The earliest form of witchcraft was written in the Bible some time in between 931bc and 721bc a witch by the name of the Witch of Endor summoned a dead spirit in section 2 Prophets, 1 Samuel. From then on the attitude towards witchcraft has not been pretty. The Tudors for example drowned and burned witches at the stake, but as humanity moved on they forgot about witches until the early 19th century. The Brothers Grimm in 1812 published their first book The Children's And Household Tales featuring the tale Hansel and Gretel in the story they are captured by a cannibal witch who keeps Hansel in a cage, this one tale had pushed many other writers into writing about witchcraft which bring us to the second half of the 20th century, Today many writers still use witchcraft as a theme for their stories Harry Potter, The Chronicles of Narnia and many more are still being written it's needless to say witchcraft and magic was and always will be a part of our community.

HISTORY MEME OF THE MONTH

TRYING TO REASON WITH KING HENRY II



GIVES ME A SPLITTING HEADACHE

This month in History

WHAT?

2nd November 1936
BBC launched

WHAT?

20th November 1945
Nuremberg trials begin

WHAT?

22nd November 1963
JFK assassinated