

Abigail Williams and other young girls of Salem get caught messing with witchcraft in the forest. Afraid of severe punishments, they claim to have simply been dancing.

Young Betty, the 10 year old daughter of Reverend Samuel Parris, has a fever and is talking of witchery. The daughter of the Putnams is also sick in bed. Rumours of witchcraft within Salem are beginning to spread.

Reverend Samuel Parris is not willing to announce the presence of witchcraft in the village. He suspects that Abigail and Betty are involved and knows this will make him look bad! He sends for an expert in witches to investigate.

Delirious Betty tells Abigail that she was trying to put a spell on Elizabeth Proctor; Abigail warns the other young girls she comes across to shut up and stick to the dancing in the woods story – or else!

Hysteria spreads amongst villagers; it becomes apparent that there are some villagers who believe that the devil is in Salem, while there are some who believe the children are lying!

It becomes apparent that John Proctor has had an affair with an ex-servant, Abigail. He feels bad about it but Abigail still has feelings for him and hates his wife, Elizabeth.

Reverend John Hale arrives in town. He is an expert in witchcraft and is sure he can get to the bottom of this.

The young girls are feeling pressure! They've told a big lie and can't confess to innocently fooling around with witchcraft as now people are talking about witches getting hanged! What to do?!?!

Reverend Hale questions Abigail about being in the forest. Under pressure, she says that Tituba was fooling with witchcraft.

Tituba is scared and accuses two village women of being amongst a number of witches in the area.

Abigail takes the opportunity to stop suspicion falling on her and joins Tituba in accusing random villagers of witchcraft for no real reason; other young girls soon do the same.

Suddenly, many people are accusing others in the village of witchcraft for little reason. In many cases it is because people dislike others.

Hale questions John Proctor. Proctor is not keen to reveal his adultery as he is ashamed and doesn't want to ruin his reputation.

Elizabeth Proctor is accused of witchcraft and gets taken away. Her servant, Mary Warren, knows she is innocent and the Proctors urge her to tell the court.

Importantly, a person accused of witchcraft can avoid being hanged if they confess to being one!

**(but why confess if you know you aren't one!?!?)**

TEACHER!!

Cut these out and mix them up!

Get class to re-order them together on desks!