

## **KEY WORDS TO NOTE:**

- **CONTEMPT** – intense dislike
- **ABYSS** – a very deep hole
- **CHARITY** – good deeds
- **GRIEVANCES** – complaints against a person
- **VINDICTIVE** – spiteful, always keen on revenge

## **KEY EVENTS/CHARACTERS TO NOTE:**

- **THOMAS PUTNAM**  
Described as “a man with many GRIEVANCES” – dislikes PARRIS as he got the job that Putnam wanted his brother-in-law to get. Also described as “VINDICTIVE”.
- **ANN PUTNAM**  
Has had SEVEN babies die on her (remember, it was common for babies to die at birth in the 1600s. Her only other child, Ruth, is sick in bed – like Betty.  
As you might guess, she is very nervous and worried and willing to blame witchcraft on her sad losses (looking for an excuse – something to blame).
- The PUTNAMs cry ‘Witch!’ – PARRIS disagrees (because he is worried!) and refuses to make an announcement to the village.
- ABIGAIL still denies having anything to do with witchcraft.
- ABIGAIL tells MERCY LEWIS (a young servant who was in the forest) to stick to the story that they all danced in the woods (MERCY was the naked one!)
- MARY WARREN (another servant who was in the forest) wants to know what they’ll do – she is worried about getting punished.
- BETTY wakes and tries to jump out of the window – she reminds the girls of what they were all doing in the woods.
- ABIGAIL takes charge – she tells all the girls to stick to the same story, or else!

...and that’s it so far!

# Fact Sheet #2