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## Level 2 History, 2016

### 91233 Examine causes and consequences of a significant historical event

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Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Examine causes and consequences of a significant historical event.	Examine, in depth, causes and consequences of a significant historical event.	Comprehensively examine causes and consequences of a significant historical event.

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**Achievement**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Write an essay on ONE significant historical event, using the essay task below.

Your essay must include an introduction and a conclusion, and use detailed supporting evidence.

You should provide context for your discussion by adding a detailed paragraph describing the historical event.

Write your chosen historical event in the box below.

Plan your essay on page 3. Begin your essay on page 4.

**ESSAY TASK**

**Examine the long-term and short-term causes of a significant historical event, and explain the consequences.**

**Historical event:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of the historical event	
Long-term cause(s) of the event	Examination/Evidence
Short-term cause(s) of the event	Examination/Evidence
Consequences of the event	

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Begin your essay here:

The Salem witch trials of 1692 to 1693 were a very significant aspect to the history of Massachusetts. For the on-going development of the colony, it was vital that they must come together and face the challenges of the witches. Therefore, because of their close bond and faith in their religion, they were able to put a end to the witching craze. Twenty killed, two hundred imprisoned.

There were several long-term causes of the Salem witch trial. One being the prior knowledge of the European witch trials, as with the knowledge of how to identify and execute witches, the people of Salem were well prepared. This cause led to another long-term cause, that being the difference in religion and race. Puritans were the main religion in Salem, and people of English heritage occupied the colony.

Therefore, other religions or races were not accepted or trusted. The most significant short-term cause was the initial accusations. Many were put on trial to a jury and found guilty, being led to their deaths. Consequences of the trials in Salem were very significant, the most significant being the formal apology to the families and community of

Salem from the governor and compensation sent to all of the families who lost a family member or put on trial. This consequence led to modern-day time discoveries as to the cause of the unexplained behaviour by scientist and, a further consequence of Salem Village now becoming a tourist attraction.

The most significant long-term cause of the Salem witch trials was the prior knowledge they had from the European witch trials. The witch hunting craze began in the late thirteenth century in countries such as Great Britain, Germany and Hungary. Thousands of people were killed because of the witch hunts, eighty percent being women. This knowledge led to the cause of the Salem witch trials, as the people of Salem were able to identify witches with ease, due to the help from the Europeans, causing more people to be put on trial and convicted for witch-craft. The people of Salem also learnt that to be killed, they must be hung and then burnt at the stake, preventing their spirits returning to haunt them.

which resulted in nineteen witches being hung and two hundred convicted and awaiting their death.

Another long-term cause of the Salem witch trials was the difference between religions and races. Puritains ~~were~~ ~~the~~ was the main religion in Salem, and the only religion allowed to be ~~practiced~~ practiced in Salem. They had very clear rules in how the village was to be run. Most importantly was the appointment of the reverend of the church. Samuel Parris was chosen, but did not run the church honestly due to his selfishness and greed with money. Yet anyone who questioned his ways or did not follow the puritain religion was seen to be a follower of the devil. The differences in religion was a major role towards the witch trials. If people did not practice the puritain religion then they must be a worshipper of the devil. These people were immediately seen as guilty for cursing the people of the community, therefore, they were put on the stand and always found guilty. One of the

ways to identify a witch was to ~~try~~ see if they could read the lord's prayer, if not they were evil and sent to the holding cell before being brought in front of the community for public hanging. The European ~~at~~ people also suspected the ~~and~~ North American Indian tribes to be responsible. The European people would kidnap women and children from their tribes and villages, where they would be brought back to Salem to work as slaves.

This action led to a disagreement between the races, where the Indians wanted revenge. Further on this led to many slaves being put on trial for witch-craft as the settlers didn't treat their slaves with respect, leading to the slaves cursing the families they worked for. Meaning, many of the people accused were slaves from people's homes who they did not trust anymore with their children and homes.

The most significant short-term cause was the initial accusations placed against the people in the Salem community. It began with Elizabeth

Parris ~~and~~ A aged seven and Abigail Williams, aged nine, started having fits one night, they contoured their bodies in un-natural ways and were constantly screaming in pain and agony. For this behaviour, they blamed their Caribbean house maid, Tituba. She later on the stand pled guilty and named nine other witches who signed the devils book.

This led to an outburst in the community. People would make witch cakes to identify the witches, made from flour and the witches urine, then fed to dogs to chase the witch and bring her to the court.

This initial phase led to the trials as it is what created the need for the court and put people on trial, without the two girls having fits there would not have been the need for the trials.

Therefore, the trials began because of two young girls unexplained behaviour, which only came down to one ~~explan~~ explanation: Witchcraft.

One of the most significant consequences was the apology from the governor. As all trials were put to an ~~end~~ end when his wife was put on the stand. He



explained that the trials were unjust, and declared that all who were convicted are ~~free~~ released from their convictions and that compensation is paid to all of the families who lost a member because of the hangings or was convicted and put in prison. The governor also declared a year of fasting, in honour of those who were killed. This relates to the trials as it proves that there was no real or substantial evidence against any who were convicted, therefore, being ~~un~~ unjust.

Another consequence was the modern time discoveries. Scientists later found the explanation for the un-natural behaviours, being a disease found in wheat and rye which was the main source of protein for the villagers, so there was no realistic or explainable reason as to why witch-craft was at fault for the fear of villagers, but it now proves that witches weren't real and there is now a scientific explanation for the behaviour of those two girls

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and other people in the Salem community.

Salem is now known as modern day Danvers, where there is still the Salem village. The trials were a, unexplained part of Massachusetts history, that challenged the people of Salem but now helps students and other people to find out more about the witch hunting craze in the 1600s.

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- Sufficient evidence and examination/explanation
- [may be] weak