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Fear And Justice

Directions: Read each quote. Write a short response explaining what the quote suggests about fear or justice, and how it relates to the Salem Witch Trials.

Quote A - 1692 Court Observation

"Fear moved like a storm through Salem, and many believed that suspicion was enough to condemn."

How does this quote show the power of fear in Salem?

Quote B - Increase Mather, 1692

"It is better that many guilty persons should escape unpunished than that one innocent person should be condemned."

What is this quote saying about justice? Did Salem follow this belief?

Quote C - Modern Historian's Reflection

"The people of Salem valued safety over fairness, and in doing so, they lost both."

How does this quote relate to the results of the trials?
