

Fear And Justice Answer Key

Possible Responses

Quote A: Fear spread quickly and caused people to make decisions without real evidence. In Salem, suspicion alone was enough to accuse and punish others, showing how fear replaced logic.

Quote B: The quote argues that protecting innocent people is the most important part of justice. Salem did not follow this idea, because many innocent people were executed or jailed based on poor evidence.

Quote C: By trying to eliminate danger through unfair trials, Salem created more harm and injustice. They failed to keep the community safe and destroyed trust and fairness in the process.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:**
 - Critical thinking using primary and secondary sources
 - Linking historical actions with concepts of justice and fear
 - Encouraging evidence-based reasoning
- **Pre-Teaching Tips:**
 - Review what primary and secondary sources are.
 - Discuss "hysteria" and how communities respond to fear.
- **Differentiation Strategies:**
 - Provide sentence starters: "This shows that..." "This connects to Salem because..."
 - Allow brief partner discussions before independent writing.
 - Challenge advanced students to cite specific Salem figures or events in their responses.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Silent gallery walk: Post quotes around the room; students rotate and respond.
 - Class debate: Which quote best explains what went wrong in Salem?
- **Extension Opportunities:**
 - Connect quote themes to U.S. legal principles such as due process and presumption of innocence.
 - Students write their own brief thesis statement about the role of fear in Salem, supported by one quote from the worksheet.