

Hysteria And Justice Answer Key

Possible Responses

Quote 1: Rebecca Nurse refuses to falsely accuse others. She suggests that naming people without proof is wrong. This connects to Salem because many people were encouraged to blame their neighbors, which spread fear and caused unfair trials.

Quote 2: Increase Mather argues that justice should protect innocent people even if some guilty people go free. This connects to Salem because many innocent people were convicted based on weak evidence. He believed the court should be more careful and fair.

Teacher's Guide

- **Discussion Starters:**
 - Why might someone refuse to accuse others even if it could save themselves?
 - How do these quotes show disagreement in the community?
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide sentence starters for developing writers: "This quote means..."
"This connects to Salem because..."
 - Allow oral discussion before writing to build confidence.
- **Engagement Strategies:**
 - Pair-share: Students read their interpretations aloud and compare ideas.
 - Use a continuum line in the classroom: "Justice in Salem was strong" on one end and "Justice in Salem was weak" on the other; students stand where they agree after analyzing the quotes.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Students locate another historical quote about the trials and complete an additional analysis.
 - Connect to constitutional rights: Which amendments today would protect someone like Rebecca Nurse?