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Confession Pages

Directions: Read the document excerpt carefully. Then answer the questions using clues from the text.

Primary Source Excerpt (1692 Confession)

"I confess I have seen the Devil. He promised me fine things if I would serve him. I fear what may happen if I do not say what the court wishes. I pray that God will forgive me for any lies spoken out of fear."

1. Who is the speaker afraid of in this document? Explain your reasoning.

2. Why might someone say things "the court wishes" instead of the truth?

3. What does the speaker hope for at the end of the passage?

4. What can we infer about trials in Salem from this confession?

5. Write one sentence explaining how fear might change people's actions during the Salem Witch Trials.
