

For my research project, I want to focus on the Salem Witch trials. The Salem Witch trials were a sequence of hearings and trials for women charged with practicing witchcraft. This took place between February 1692 and May 1693 in colonial Massachusetts. Over 200 individuals were charged. Nineteen of the thirty women who were found guilty were hanged.

I have always found the Salem Witch trials fascinating and a unique part of American history that is not talked about as much. I also think it is fitting to do this topic in the spirit of Halloween. The trials were an example of intolerance and injustice in American history. This event led to changes in U.S. court procedures, including the assumption of innocence unless proven guilty, the right to legal representation, and the ability to cross-examine accusers.