

Increase Mather – Salem Witch Trials Test

1. The story of the Salem witch trials shows the effect _____ can have on the lives of people.

- A. love
- B. compassion
- C. rumor
- D. truth

2. Increase Mather changed his mind about the witch trials when _____ was accused along with prominent figures.

- A. he himself
- B. his mother
- C. his daughter
- D. his wife

3. He finally concluded that it would be better for ten suspected witches to escape than for _____.

- A. fifteen to escape
- B. five to escape
- C. one to escape
- D. one innocent to be condemned

4. Sometimes no action is taken to address a wrong until _____.

- A. a high profile person is targeted
- B. everyone gets tired of being wronged
- C. ten people are targeted
- D. the judge comes to town

5. Mather's parents were part of a group of _____ coming to America.

- A. Pilgrims
- B. Puritans
- C. Muslims
- D. Greeks

6. Mather entered Harvard when he was _____ years old.

- A. 15
- B. 17
- C. 12
- D. 20

7. He later would become _____ at Harvard.

- A. the President
- B. a teacher
- C. the dean
- D. the minister

8. He spent four years in _____ advocating for the colony and getting a new charter.

- A. Scotland
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. England

9. The witch trials all started with some young girls playing _____.

- A. hopscotch
- B. a fortune-telling game
- C. chess
- D. school

10. _____ was the slave who was involved.

- A. Harriet Tubman
- B. Sojourner Truth
- C. Tituba
- D. Sarah Good

11. Many of the people accused of witchcraft _____.

- A. were hanged
- B. were made to drink poison
- C. were imprisoned for life
- D. marooned on an island

12. Sarah Good's little daughter remained in prison because they said she _____.

- A. was too young to release
- B. was the daughter of a witch
- C. had a mark on her finger
- D. wouldn't tell the truth

13. George Burroughs was hanged even though he recited the _____ perfectly.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Apostle's Creed
- C. Ten Commandments
- D. Lord's Prayer

14. Giles Corey died when they put _____ on him.

- A. a hex
- B. large timbers
- C. heavy rocks
- D. dirt

15. The slave who was at the beginning of all the trouble was _____.

- A. hanged with the rest of the accused
- B. sold to another owner and released from prison
- C. burned at the stake
- D. drowned in the river

16. _____ innocent people died as a result of the trials.

- A. Fifty
- B. Forty
- C. Twenty
- D. Ten

17. In 1694 the courts declared _____.

- A. witchcraft was no longer an offense in Massachusetts Bay Colony
- B. each victim's family would get \$1 million
- C. the victims would be given a Christian burial
- D. the liars would be hanged

18. The word "spectral" as used in the article refers to _____.

- A. a prism
- B. ghostly
- C. something pleasingly unusual
- D. a sporting event

19. The word _____ means to take back publicly an opinion or belief.

- A. advocate
- B. recompense
- C. recant
- D. superstition

20. One lesson we learn from the Salem witch trials is that we should _____.

- A. be quick to jump to a conclusion
- B. show tolerance and understanding
- C. always believe the worst in people
- D. tell lies about people