

## Titles

- |                                |  |   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| ★ 1. Persecution of Sarah Good | ★ 6. An Examination of "The Examination of Sarah Good" | ★ 8. Examinationception                           |
| ★ 2. Witches be Crazy          |  | 9. Puritan Ideology and Its Relation to Injustice |
| 3. Sarah Good's Mistreatment   |  |   |
| ★ 4. Good, Not so Good         | 7. Don't Judge a Book by It's Cover                    |   |
| 5. Unfair Courts               |  |   |

## Introductions

During the 16<sup>th</sup> century in Salem, there were many accusations of witchcraft. If someone portrayed an abnormal behavior or was simply disliked, they could be accused of witchcraft. In Salem village, on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1692, Sarah Good was blamed for torturing four young girls. Court documents reveal that Sarah Good was treated very unfairly when she was examined in front of a group of officials.

★ Hook

★ Introduction of Subject

★ Thesis!

BORING!!

hook is too generic + needs development

Throughout human history false accusations have caused conflicts and discrepancies. Such was the case in the Salem witch Trials. In the unfortunate story of Sarah Good, two main factors determined her fate: first, nothing she said was believed; second, nobody wanted anything to do with her. For these reasons, Sarah Good was not treated fairly.

good key word use

— great road map + thesis!

Imagine a friend of yours is going to be hanged for something he or she didn't do. Most people would be extremely upset by this situation. Sarah Good was hanged because she was accused and found guilty of being a witch. This situation is even more sad because Sarah Good was not treated fairly during the trial.

Who is Sarah Good? Add detail

How does this relate to the hook? EXPLAIN!!

good thesis

Religion is used as an explanation for unknown phenomenon; however, it can limit how people think. In extreme cases, it can influence people to ignore logical explanations and instead explain situations through the lens of their religious beliefs. Puritan beliefs included the idea that humans were inherently evil and the view that the Devil was ever-present in people's lives. [Sarah Good was a target of the Salem witch-hunt because she was vulnerable.] Salem allowed religious explanations to override Sarah Good's right to fair and impartial treatment.

unique + well-developed hook

good thesis! deeper than most

really needs a better introduction of subject. This seems random

this is all introduction of subject. Needs a hook 1st

In "The Examination of Sarah Good," the woman, Sarah Good, gets falsely accused, just like people still do today. Within the story, Sarah Good tells her side of things multiple times, yet she never gets anywhere. The people accusing her have no proof against her, yet she must repeatedly endure loaded language and unjust treatment.

Add thesis.

LAME!! Way too broad + boring. It's way too obvious.

[False accusations happen every day, everywhere around the world.] In school, teachers sometimes accuse students of cheating when they aren't. At home, kids sometimes get accused of breaking rules or messing something up when that wasn't what actually happened. Occasionally, false accusations cause big trouble. A false accusation could land someone in jail or ruin someone's dreams. DNA evidence has helped many people clear their names in the last twenty years after they had been falsely accused and sent to jail. [False accusations have been around for a long time, and they were even around during the time of the Puritans] Unfortunately, during the Salem witch trials, no one had any proof that could save an innocent person's life. Early in the Salem witch trials, a woman named Sarah Good was accused and questioned. Based on the primary source document, "The Examination of Sarah Good," one can see that Sarah Good was not treated fairly because she was falsely accused and there were no proven facts in the case.

GREAT Hook! Very well-developed

Nice intro. of subjects. BLENDS Well from Hook to thesis

Again, lame. so obvious!

Good Hook

[The Salem witch trials were a horrible and bloody part of U.S. history brought about by superstition and fear. It started when a few young girls accused someone of being a witch, and the fear the Puritans held for the Devil did the rest. By the end of the panic, nearly twenty people had been hanged as witches.] One of the first people to be accused was a woman named Sarah Good. Court documents reveal some of what she went through. In her case, the Puritans were fearful, and they treated Sarah Good unfairly.

Nice intro. of subject

← clear thesis

develop hook

[The Salem witch trials were held over 300 years ago.] It was a case of a few young ladies accusing Sarah Good of performing witchcraft on the girls. The girls made strange motions and gestures, putting on an act even in the plain sight of the judge and all the court. [Sarah Good was not treated fairly because the opinions were biased and her accusers had no real proof.] Everyone just assumed she could use witchcraft to torment the young ladies. All this resulted in the hanging and death of an innocent Sarah Good.

Thesis should be the LAST sentence in the intro!!

Good transition

# BODY

Clear topic sentence

One of the main reasons Sarah Good was treated unfairly is that the court officials are biased in favor of the girls. They believe the girls' side of the story without questioning it at all. There was no proof that the girls were actually being tortured when they pretended she was hurting them. Even though there was no proof, the transcript presents the information as if it is a fact. "The abovesaid children then present accused her face to face upon which they were all dreadfully tortured for a short space of time" (Cheever 146). This is unfair because the girls are able to convince the people in the court that Sarah Good was a witch and was trying to silence them even though they have no proof.

GOOD explanation

\* transition

which is unfair

Along with being biased toward the girls, the judges badger Sarah Good into accusing Sarah Osborne. The summary portrays Sarah Good as giving up Sarah Osborne quickly (Cheever 146), when really they have to ask her many times before she actually names Sarah Osborne:

Q: How came they thus tormented?

A: What do I know? You bring others here and now you charge me with it.

Q: Why, who was it?

A: I don't know, but it was some you brought into the meeting house.

Q: We brought you into the meeting house.

A: But you brought in two more.

Q: Who was it, then, that tormented the children?

A: It was Osborne (Cheever 147)

← leave in end punctuation w/ a Block Quote

This quote obviously shows that she did not directly answer their question.

The fact that they misrepresent what happened shows that Sarah Good was treated unfairly

Needs a transition!!

Both loaded language and loaded questions were used by the judges and in the summary. An example of this is when the court official says, "Why do you hurt these children?" (Cheever 146). This proves that she was treated unfairly because they are asking questions as if she is already guilty. Some of the loaded words used in the transcript are wicked, torment, spiteful, and evil.

Explain what this shows. Add a warrant.

Uh-oh!! Put these in " " & CITE THEM!!

You cited paraphrased info!!

# Conclusions

Too obvious = Boring

Throughout the ages of history, there have been many cases of mistreatment and outright lies. Sarah Good's trial during the Salem witch trials is one of the more infamous examples. [During the trial, Sarah Good was not treated fairly.] It is truly sad that throughout history people have been treated so poorly.

\*re-cap

← too simple. go deeper. develop

\*re-cap  
😊

[The witch trial of Sarah Good was biased in many ways. The judges were not fair because they did not give Mrs. Good a chance to explain herself clearly. Also, the judges were unfair when they badgered her into naming Sarah Osborne.] It is interesting to see how court cases in the 1600s are significantly different from today's court cases. Court cases today have become civil in comparison to what they were like 300 years ago!

} good. develop a bit more

Sarah Good was unfairly accused because the officials already had the impression that she committed witchcraft. The young girls blamed her and got away with it. In the 1600s, if someone was blamed for witchcraft, he or she would be immediately condemned. The defendant would have no chance at redemption. Thus, Sarah Good had no chance and was treated unfairly.

Good re-cap No broadening out part :-

\*re-cap

[The evidence provided in the transcript shows that everything Sarah Good stated during the trials was disregarded. It also shows that Sarah Good was someone that was not very likable, and because of this she was treated even more unfairly.] Sarah Good was eventually hanged for being a witch. If the judges had been more fair to her, perhaps this would not have happened. The transcript shows that false accusations can be very effective if the circumstances are right. This is not just a problem people had during the Salem witch trials. False accusations hurt people as much today as they did back then; they can send people to jail, tear apart families, and even result in a loss of life. People need to realize that a false accusation is a serious action, an action that could hurt a lot of people.

AWESOME  
job linking  
to real life !!  
("broadening  
out")