The Devil in New England
Salem “Witch Hysteria”

Witches Be Trippin’

- European Views of Witchcraft
- "Linked to a fear of the devil was a fear of women." (M. Chambers)
- Prosecution of Witches: (1486) - "The Hammer Against Witches"
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- Cotton Mather — New England is "a country... extraordinarily alarum'd by the wrath of the Devil."
- Salem (1692-1693)
  - Shouting, barking, groveling, twitching
  - Satan's servants = Tituba, Sarah Good, and Sarah Osborne
- Trial
  - Chaos in the courtroom

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- Results:
  - Mass. Bay Gov. intervenes
  - 20 people convicted/executed, over 100 jailed
- Possible Reasons:
  - Women defied traditional roles

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