

pretending to be bewitched, began accusing others of witchcraft.

Hysteria spread through the community. Those accused were forced to name others as witches. More than 100 people were arrested and dozens were tried. Of those, 19 were found guilty and put to death by hanging, including a popular minister. In addition, two dogs were hanged, and a man was pressed to death when he refused to cooperate with the court.

Eventually, important ministers intervened, and the governor stopped the executions. Within a few years, several of the accusers admitted that they had made false accusations. In 1697 one of the judges begged public forgiveness for his part in the trials.

Puritan Legacy Although Puritan power declined, Puritan values survived. These values have influenced American culture. Americans have inherited:

- the Puritan work ethic
- a high regard for education
- opposition to royal power and support for representative government
- the practice of voting on decisions affecting the community

Many of these Puritan values helped put America on the road to independence.

- ▲ **CAUSES AND EFFECTS** Describe how Puritan religious control was weakened in the later 1600s.



An elderly woman being arrested for witchcraft in Salem

Why do you think the girls accused so many people of witchcraft?

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Section Assessment



ONLINE QUIZ

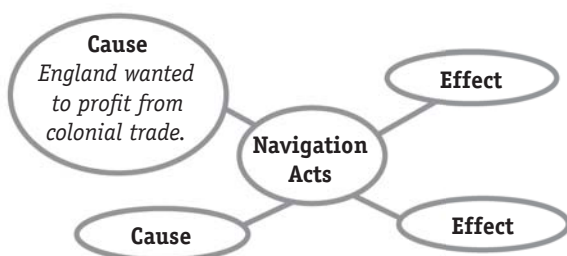
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TERMS & NAMES

1. Explain the importance of
 - Backcountry
 - Navigation Acts
 - triangular trade
 - King Philip's War

USING YOUR READING NOTES

2. **Causes and Effects** Complete the diagram you started at the beginning of this section to show the causes and effects of the Navigation Acts.



KEY IDEAS

3. How did England profit from colonial shipping?
4. What changes did prosperity bring to New England?

CRITICAL THINKING

5. **Make Inferences** How do you think the enslaved were able to save money if they were not paid for their labor?
6. **Connect Economics & History** Why did New England come to depend on fishing and shipbuilding?
7. **Connect to Today** New Englanders took economic advantage of their environment. Describe modern examples of people using natural resources to gain wealth.
8. **Writing Letter** Write a letter from Metacom to the English colonists. Explain the reasons for the war that is about to be launched against them.