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Documentary 1: Timelines.tv 6 mins 49

What was Elizabeth Southernns' nickname ?

Who did Elizabeth meet in the stone pit ?

Give three reasons why Elizabeth may have been disliked or unpopular

Give two reasons her daughters may have been disliked or unpopular

Give two historical events that changed the nature of English society

Sum up: why were Elizabeth and her family vulnerable to being accused of being witches?



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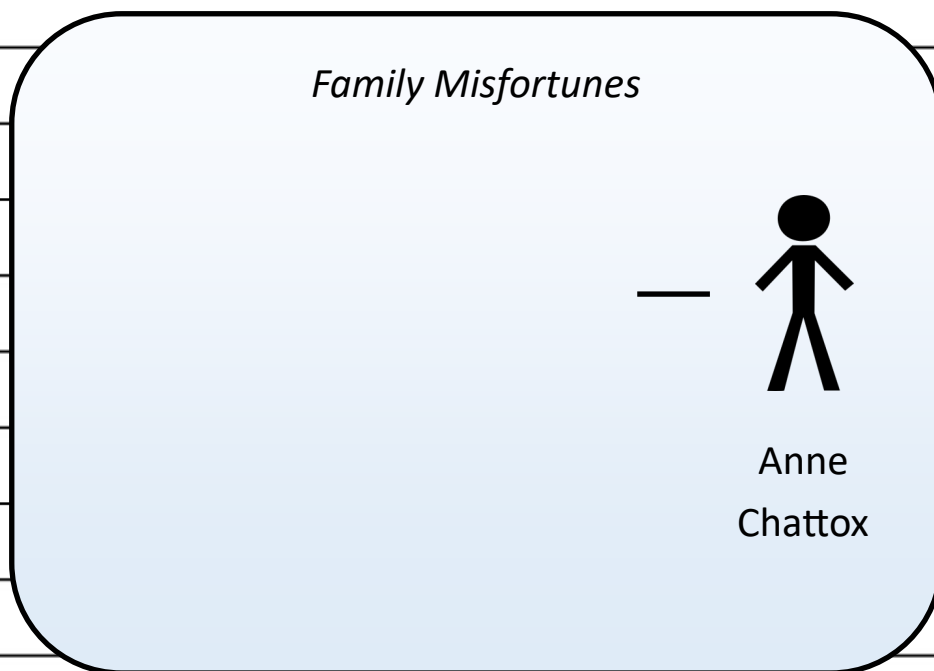
Which king ruled England at this time?

Why was Lancashire described as a 'dark corner of the land' ?

Give two roles of a cunning woman

Why were cunning women vulnerable?

Family tree .. Jennet, Demdike, Elizabeth, Elizabeth's husband, Alison and James



Who was the other cunning woman in the village ?

What had happened the year Elizabeth Device's husband died?


Why did Alizon curse the pedlar ?

What happened to the pedlar ?

Alizon confessed to cursing the pedlar. Who else did she say practiced witchcraft?

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Ordered

 **Discover:** what happened in Pendle, Lancashire in 1612 **Explore :** reasons why so many people were accused of witchcraft **Skill :** knowledge and understanding.

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It began with an incident between Alizon Device and a pedlar, John Law. Alizon, a very poor woman was begging on the road and asked John for some pins but he said no. In response, Alizon ..

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.. cursed him. A short while after he fell to the ground, probably suffering a stroke. Later, John's son told Justice Nowell what had happened. Alizon confessed that she had told the Devil to lame John ...

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... Law. Alizon also said her grandmother, Old Demdike, and other members of the rival Chattox family were using witchcraft. The naming of the Chattox family was an act of ...

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... revenge. Alizon's father died after an illness that she blamed on the Chattox family, who had threatened to harm him after an argument over money. The deaths of four other villagers were ..

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...blamed on Chattox. James Demdike said that his sister, Alizon had cursed a child some time before and Elizabeth, said her mother had a mark on her body, supposedly where the Devil had sucked her blood (see right) ..

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... which left her mad. On further questioning Old Demdike and Chattox confessed to selling their souls. Anne Chattox was also said to have made clay figures. After hearing ..

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... this evidence, the judge said Alizon, Anne, Old Demdike and Old Chattox must go to trial. The accusations would have ended there had it not been for a meeting held at Malkin ...

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... Tower when James Device seems to have stolen a neighbour's sheep. As a result of the sheep incident, a further eight people were summoned for questioning and then to trial. The ...

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... trials were held at Lancaster Castle (right) in August 1612. Old Demdike never went to trial as she died in the dark, cold, damp dungeon in which she had been ..

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..imprisoned. Nine year old Jennet Device was a key witness in the Pendle trial. Children were not usually allowed to do this but all normal rules were suspended for witch trials as ruled by King James.

Order the text by putting the letters in to chronological order ..

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 **Activity Option 3** : use your knowledge of the witch trials to put the images into chronological order by numbering them.



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