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School Board Member Research: Salem Witch Trials

Your task is to do further research on the Salem Witch Trials and hysteria using the links listed below in order to advise the principal on a course of action for school violence hysteria. During your research:

- Document any important information that you encounter during your research.
- Analyze the reasons for the hysteria behind the Salem Witch Trials and how community leaders responded to it.
- Answer the questions listed below to help you explain this hysteria to your group members.
- Prepare to meet with your fellow school board members in order to propose an appropriate course of actions for the principal

Questions to consider:

What events and accusations started the hysteria that led up to the Salem Witch Trials?

What are some examples of discrimination during the accusations and trials, and to what degree do you think discrimination was a cause?

How did local community leaders in and around Salem respond to the accusations and proceedings?

Was the response to hysteria surrounding accused witches in Salem appropriate?