**Religion and Witchcraft – November 26th, 2014**

**Protestantism**

Most of England was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Under that heading, there were many different congregations.

The official church was the Church of England (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church).

Its head was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of England.

The Church of England was formed when King Henry VIII split from the Catholic Church over a matter of divorcing his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wife.

**The Church of England**

The Church of England got to decide how church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be held all over England.

It was supported by the country/people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money.

The church services were often rather elaborate.

The churches were fancily decorated.

**Puritans**

Puritans were one of the larger \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ groups of Protestants. They were Calvinists.

They thought that church services should be plain and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

They liked to wear dark clothing.

They didn’t like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or drinking or theatre because the Puritans thought that your life should be devoted to God.

They were very suspicious of human nature because they thought that human were easily prone to falling into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**More Puritans**

In better times, the Puritans could host their own church services if they occasionally went to a service of the Church of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, often it was illegal and they could be fined and imprisoned for their beliefs.

So they left England to find religious freedom. One group chartered a boat called *The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* and went to America. The founded a colony at Plymouth Rock in 1621.

Other Puritans joined the parliament, which they saw as a good way push their beliefs

**Witches**

People believed that witches were a personification of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and people hunted them.

If you were a woman and on the outskirts of society, you were considered suspicious. Women who didn’t marry or were social misfits or knew about medicine and treating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were often arrested for being witches.

And during the 17th century, witch hunt hysteria took over in England, Scotland and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ colonies.

**More Witches**

Hundreds of people were executed for witchcraft.

Some people claimed to have a special ability to prove whether or not someone was a witch.

It was considered normal to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people who were thought to be witches.

Those who were condemned were plunged under water while their thumbs were tied to their toes until they drowned, which proved they were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Some were hanged, burned, or pressed to death.

**Witchcraft Trials**

These trials were a result of the hysterical fears of the people.

Those who didn’t believe in witchcraft were too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go against the wrath of the people who called for the executions.

This is a good example of how human emotions can easily destroy the institutions created to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everyone.