**Salem Witch Trials: Summary Timeline**

1672: Porters’ dam floods Putnam farm, resulting in lawsuit.

1688: Goody Glover, a domestic servant, is hanged after 4 children in the household in which she works are ‘bewitched’. Reverend Cotton Mather meets with Glover prior to her execution and publishes later that year the influential work *Memorable Providences, Relating to Witchcrafts and Possessions*.

Nov. 1689: Rev. Samuel Parris is installed in Salem Village.

Oct. 1691: Supporters of Porter family oust Putnam-allied committee members and vote to stop paying Rev. Parris’ salary and provide him with firewood; he begins delivering sermons about conspiracies in Salem.

January 1692: Children in the Parris household begin acting ‘afflicted’.

Feb. 1692: Following accusations by the children, arrest warrants issued against Tituba, Sarah Good and Sarah Osborne.

April 1692: Sarah Cloyce defends her sister, Rebecca Nurse, and is arrested. John Proctor protests against the examination of his wife Elizabeth and is arrested. Mary Warren admits to lying but then retracts it.

May 1692: Governor Phips creates the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

June 1692: Rev. Cotton Mather urges the court to be speedy and to limit the use of spectral evidence.

July-Aug. 1692: Death sentences delivered and executions of 11 take place.

Sept. 1692: Giles Corey pressed to death; 8 more executed.

Oct. 1692: Rev. Increase Mather denounces spectral evidence and Governor Phips orders it no longer be admitted as evidence, and a few weeks later dissolves the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Nov. 1692: Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery established to try remaining defendants.

May 1693: Gov. Phips pardons remaining defendants.

January 1697: Day of fasting and contrition for the Salem Witch Trials. Rev. Parris fails to show appropriate contrition and is forced out later the same year.

1711: Bills of attainder reverse and restitution offered to heirs of victims.

1957: Legislative proclamation acknowledging the injustice of the Salem Witch Trials and offering apology.