

QUESTION 3

How much evidence did you have on your body?

- A** Your skin was smooth. You had no marks. To try to prove you were a witch, some judges would have you do a scratching test. Victims scratched you. They did this until you bled. If victims improved, then you were found guilty.
- B** You had a few **blemishes** on your skin. Blemishes are flaws. Judges might prick you. They had special needles. They'd poke your blemishes. If you didn't bleed, then you were a witch.
- C** You had a lot of blemishes. You may have tried to burn them off. Or you may have tried to cut them off. But some judges might have counted your scars as witches' marks.

People in 1692 believed in witchcraft more than science.



SURVIVAL TIPS

It was originally believed that the witchcraft victims were actually affected by spoiled rye bread. Eating it gave them a type of food poisoning. This poison causes visions and fits, which were mistaken for witchcraft. Follow these tips to survive food poisoning:

- Get lots of rest.
- Drink lots of water. Drink sports drinks. Drink broth.
- Suck on ice chips or popsicles.
- Drink ginger tea.
- Don't eat for a few hours. Let your stomach settle down. Eat when you're ready. Start with small amounts.
- Eat the BRAT diet for a while. BRAT stands for bananas, rice, applesauce, and toast.
- Call the doctor if you're sick for a long time. Call if you can't keep food or water down. Call if you're dizzy. Call if you throw up blood.
- When you notice symptoms, get medicine from doctors. Do this within 24 hours of the first signs.