

Bookfolio for Tituba of Salem Village

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Recommended for: [Grades 4-6](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Historical Fiction](#)

MultiCulture: African American

Story Summary: Based on real people and events, TITUBA OF SALEM VILLAGE is the story of a young slave and her husband who were taken from their native Barbados to help their new master establish a ministry in Salem Village. Tituba perseveres through the long, bitter winters, working hard to keep the Parris family warm, clean, and well fed.

During the winter of 1691, the village girls that gather at the parsonage to visit Reverend Parris' niece, Abigail, and his daughter, Betsy, begin acting strangely. Overcome by fits, they accuse Tituba and others of witchcraft. Although Tituba is aware of some of the real reasons behind the girls' hysterics, she finds herself defenseless in a mockery of a trial for being a witch. Though others are put to death, Tituba survives an arduous year in jail and finally receives the Royal Governor's pardon.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Chapter 8, pages 91-102

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

Tituba of Salem Village - Independent Activities	Skills
1. A Journal Entry (Writing a journal)	W
2. Life During Colonial Times (Giving a book talk)	S , W
3. A Courtroom Scene (Drawing a picture)	D , W
4. Tituba's Island Home (Writing a story)	D , S , W
5. Where Is Salem Village? (Making a map)	D , R
6. Making Sugar from Cane (Researching a topic)	D , R , S , W
Tituba of Salem Village - Group Activities	Skills
1. A Dramatization (Presenting a dramatization)	L , S
2. A Colonial Dictionary (Making a specialized dictionary)	R , W
3. Across Three Centuries (Conducting an interview)	L , S
4. Another Place, Another Witch (Comparing two books)	R , S
5. Witchcraft Throughout the Ages (Making a time line)	R , S , W
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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