

Salem Witch Trials Pre-writing: Causal Analysis

ASSIGNMENT: You have been asked to explore causal arguments about a specific historical event in the Salem witch trials. Use this page to help yourself identify and evaluate causal claims in Chadwick Hansen's *Witchcraft in Salem*. (Optional: Make another sheet for other sources.) You will need your close reading, logic, and counterargument skills. Before you start, read all the assigned chapters in your *Handbook* on evaluating sources, subordination, and causal analysis I and II(129-42, 161-64).

PAGE & CLAIM KEY WORDS **What kind of causality is this?** **What evidence is provided for the claim?** **Is the claim supported**

Quote words that indicate a claim about causes or effects.

Socio-economic or class?
Psychoanalytic? Feminist?
Somatic (medical)? Legal?
Theological? Racial?

by *this* evidence?
Necessary? Sufficient?
Over/ underdetermined?