

Were the Pendle Witches falsely accused?



Witch

A woman thought to have magical powers, especially evil ones.



Witchcraft

The practice of magical skills and abilities such as using spells, incantations, and magical rituals.



Lancashire

A county in the north west of England.



Pendle Hill

A hill in the east of Lancashire, home to the Pendle witches.



Lancaster Castle

The trial of the Pendle witches was held here.



Malkin Tower

The home of Demdike.



Familiar

A small animal kept as a witch's attendant, given to her by the devil or another witch.



Old Demdike

Nickname of Elizabeth Southern, head of the Demdike family.



Chattox

Nickname of Anne Whittle, head of the Chattox family.



King James I

King of England 1603 to 1625. Wrote guidelines on how to spot a witch.



Accused

Charged with a crime or other offence.



Trial

A formal meeting in a court of law at which a judge and jury listen to evidence and decide whether a person is guilty or not.