* Didn’t celebrate Christmas
* Life was difficult because they had to work for everything
* They believed in witches and their ability to harm others
* Naming a child was an act of spiritual prediction
* Established Harvard College
* They were highly literate
* Were not opposed to alcohol
* None of their hats had buckles on
* Church was the 17th century life in New England
* A theory was that the ministers made up witchcraft to show people how real the devil is and to scare them into coming to church
* They believed in all sins such as sleeping in church, stealing food, and dancing
* Puritanism started in the 1530’s but didn’t emerge until the 1560’s
* Puritans believed that it was necessary to be in a covenanted relationship with God in order to redeem one from one’s sinful condition.
* The name Puritans, sometimes called precisionists, was a term of contempt assigned to the movement by its enemies
* New England Puritans had commonwealth to where only the elect could vote and rule
* They wanted to purify the church so they started the witch trials
* They were a group of English Reformed Protestants
* They were kind to scholars
* By 1640 the population of Puritans had over 10,000 members
* The movement arose in the Church of England in the late 16th century
* They broke away from the Catholic church and made their own religion
* They were scientists
* Women didn’t go to town meetings