

The Salem (and other) Witch Hunts - Vocabulary

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In the first column of the chart below are 25 words from Mike Kubic's article "The Salem (and other) Witch Hunts." Locate the words in the article and re-read that section to understand the context. Next, based on context, your knowledge of roots, etc., formulate an educated guess about what the word means and record a possible synonym for the word in the second column. What word would you use? Then, look up the actual definition of the word. If multiple definitions are listed, determine which definition fits the word's contextual use. Record that definition/synonym in the third column. Finally, in the fourth column, record any observations, conclusions, or thoughts about the word and its definition. For example, how close were you to the right definition? What would help you remember the definition? What other words does this sound like? Etc.

Word	Educated Guess	Actual Definition	Thoughts?
1. Embroiled			
2. Untoward			
3. Magistrate			
4. Credible			
5. Voluble			
6. Abate			
7. Annulled			
8. Indemnities			
9. Demagogues			
10. Deposed			

11. Abetted			
12. Echelons			
13. Direst			
14. Assimilated			
15. Subsequent			
16. Subversion			
17. Cited			
18. Prominent			
19. Rabid			
20. Lexicon			
21. Scurrilous			
22. Reparations			
23. Antics			
24. Censored			
25. Repudiation			