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Midnight in Salem Overview



Nancy Drew unexpectedly finds herself in Salem, Massachusetts investigating an arson on the Hathorne estate. The Hathorne House was originally constructed by Judge John Hathorne, inquisitor of the infamous Salem witch trials and the final home to 102-year-old Frances Tuttle, his last direct descendant. When Tuttle passed away, the estate became city property and while the mayor was seeking a manager to oversee the estate the home burst into flames. The ongoing investigation has turned up little evidence but concerned citizens have accused Mei Parry of arson and are pressuring the police to arrest the secretive teenager.

As Nancy races to uncover the truth behind the arson, she discovers connections to the house's past with the Salem trials and finds herself drawn into a struggle with supernatural events that she simply can't explain. Nancy's convictions are put to the test. Are the ghosts real? Has Salem's dark history come to life, or is there someone else to blame? Time is short, and Nancy must find the answers before the clock strikes midnight.

Overview for Learn & Play

Nancy Drew: Midnight in Salem is a fictional game that offers engaged game play and learning while solving a Nancy Drew mystery. The story is a great mystery with a plot that ties in the Salem Witch trials, herbal remedies, and investigating an arson. The story, theme and setting offer numerous facts and learning opportunities.

The following are ideas for learning while playing that the HeR Interactive team hopes will **encourage discussions** and **offer points of learning** in the **listed subject areas**.

In addition to this subject overview, we have created a **worksheet** with **questions for students to complete while playing the game** for added learning and engagement.

Subjects that tie in with facts and themes in the game:

History

Learn about the witch trials of Salem in the late 1600s, the names of the accused, the Judges involved and the reasons that sparked this dark moment in history.

Herbal Remedies


Learn the benefits of herbs for natural cures and mix concoctions for specific ailments.

Crime Investigation

Assemble frames from security cameras to piece together a timeline from a robbery. Ask for alibis to deduce who was where when they say they were.



Midnight in Salem Worksheet

 As your student plays through the game *Nancy Drew: Midnight in Salem*, the student can find information about the Salem Witch trials and a few other fun facts. This worksheet provides questions (and answers on the teacher version here) for your student to fill out as they play. Encourage your student to take hand-written notes for playing the game in order to solve the mystery. If you or the student gets stuck in the game, please refer to the official game strategy guide (free pdf included with the game purchase from HeR Interactive). For additional questions and resources, please visit herinteractive.com or email us at feedback@herinteractive.com.

For discussion: talk about how Mei was the prime suspect and why people thought she committed the recent crime. Discuss what judgements people make based on appearance or character traits. How can you encourage others to treat people fairly?

Q1. When did the Salem Witch trials take place?

A: 1692-1693

Q2. The Salzburg Witch Trials lead to the execution of 139 people in Austria. How many years did they predate the Salem Witch Trials?

A: 17

Q3. What is the how-to-guide based on bunk science that taught the earlier settlers how to "hammer out witchcraft"?

A: Malleus Maleficarum

Q4. Who is responsible for writing said book that sent 100s of innocent people to their death?

A: Heinrich Kramer

Q5. Who was the judge that later felt remorseful and apologized for their part in the Salem Witch Trials?

A: Samuel Sewall

Q6. What year were the last of the accused witches cleared of all charges?

A: 2001

Q7. In 1626 Salem was founded and originally named

Naumkeag after the Naumkeag River. The early settlers wanted to rename the city to Salem after the Hebrew word for ____?

A: Peace

Q8. The spectral evidence and uncontrollable fits some witnesses of the Salem Witch Trials experienced can be explained by ____?

A: Ergot Poisoning

Q9. What was the name of the first person accused in the Salem Witch trials? (Hint: it was a slave owned by Samuel Parris.)

A: Tituba

Q10. At what age was Abigail Johnson when she was accused of witchcraft?

A: 11 years old

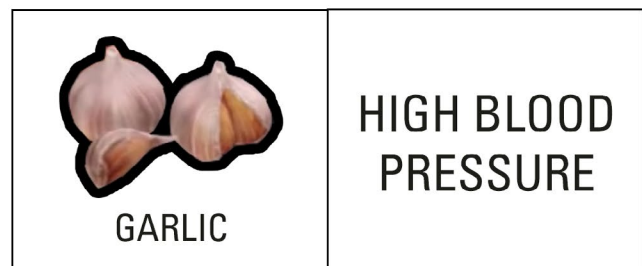
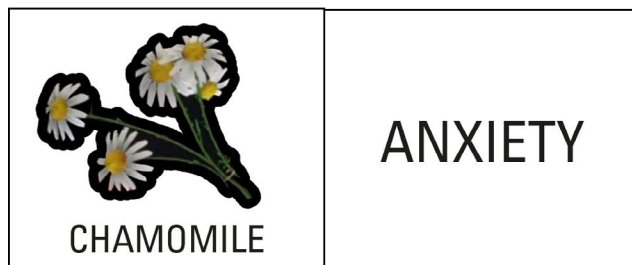
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Teacher's Guide

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On the student's activity sheet, have the student match the herbs to the ailment that it helps. Educator – you may cut them out for the student to paste together, or simply leave as is and instruct the student to draw a line connecting the matches. Here are the answers:



Answer the questions as you play and explore Nancy Drew: Midnight in Salem! It helps to take handwritten notes, too!

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Using the information from Tituba's book of herbs, found in Lauren's shop, match the ailments to the herb that remedies it.



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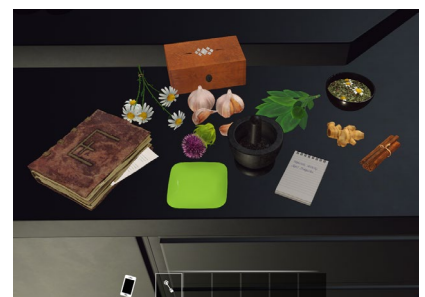
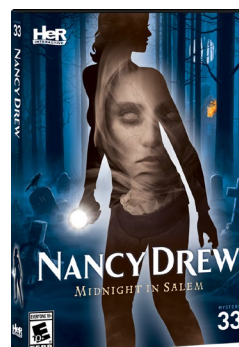
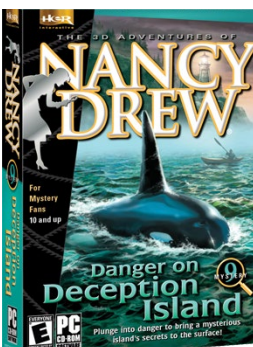
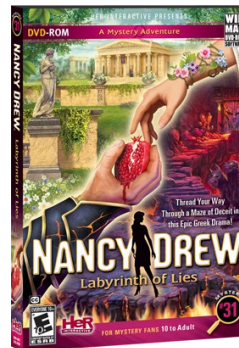
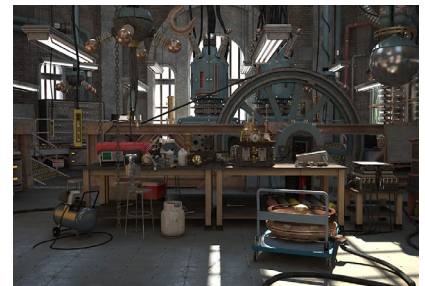
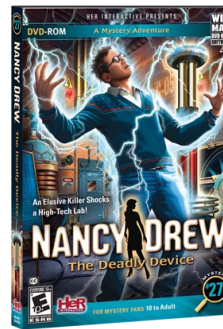
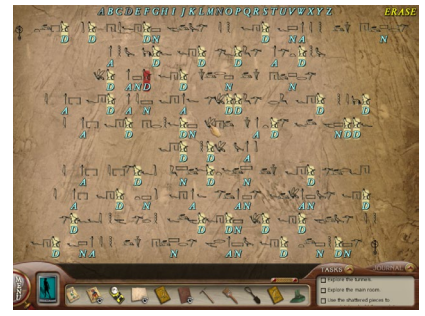
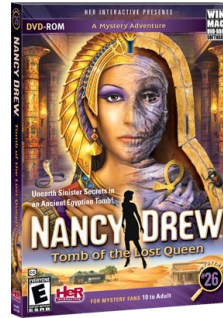
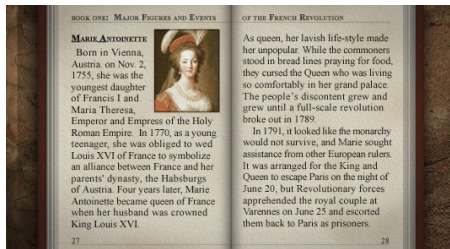
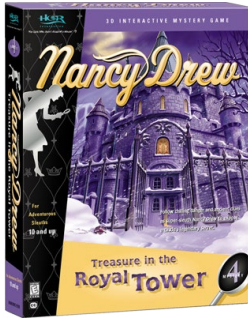
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