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### Chapter 1 : Hunting, fishing and animals in ancient Egypt - Wikipedia

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Medieval Inquisition While the witch trials only really began in the 15th century, with the start of the early modern period , many of their causes[ citation needed ] had been developing during the previous centuries, with the prosecution of heresy by the Medieval Inquisition during the late twelfth and the thirteenth centuries, and during the Late Medieval period , during which the idea of witchcraft or sorcery gradually changed and adapted. The inquisition had the office of protecting Christians against the "internal" threat of heresy as opposed to "external" military threats such as those of the Vikings , the Mongols , and the Saracens or Turks. Witches by Hans Baldung Grien Woodcut, During the High Middle Ages , a number of heretical Christian groups, such as the Cathars and the Knights Templar had been accused of performing such anti-Christian activities as Satanism, sodomy and malevolent sorcery in France. While the nucleus of the early modern "witch craze" would turn out to be popular superstition in the Western Alps , reinforced by theological rationale developed at or following the Council of Basel of the s, what has been called "the first real witch trial in Europe," [35] the accusation of Alice Kyteler in , occurred in 14th-century Ireland , during the turmoils associated with the decline of Norman control. The catalog of typical charges that would later be leveled at witches, of spreading diseases, committing orgies sometimes incestuous , cannibalizing children , and following Satanism , emerged during the 14th century as crimes attributed to heretics and Jews. Witchcraft had not been considered a heresy during the High Medieval period. Indeed, since the Council of Paderborn of , the belief in the possibility of witchcraft itself was considered heretical. While witch-hunts only became common after , an important legal step that would make this development possible occurred in , when Pope John XXII authorized the inquisition to prosecute witchcraft as a type of heresy. This Church Council, which had been attended by such anti-witchcraft figures as Johann Nider and Martin Le Franc , helped to standardize the stereotype of the Satanic witch that would be propagated throughout the rest of the trials. In , the North Berwick witch trials occurred in Scotland, and were of particular note as the king, James VI , became involved himself. James had developed a fear that witches planned to kill him after he suffered from storms whilst traveling to Denmark in order to claim his bride, Anne , earlier that year. Returning to Scotland, the king heard of trials that were occurring in North Berwick and ordered the suspects to be brought to himâ€”he subsequently believed that a nobleman, Francis Stewart, 5th Earl of Bothwell , was a witch, and after the latter fled in fear of his life, he was outlawed as a traitor. The king subsequently set up royal commissions to hunt down witches in his realm, recommending torture in dealing with suspects, and in he wrote a book about the menace that witches posed to society entitled *Daemonologie*. The Geneva Bible which precedes the King James version by 51 years includes the term "witch" in Exodus Protests against early modern witch trials Even throughout the 16th century, there had been isolated expressions of scepticism regarding the trial, increasing throughout the 17th century. In , the Roman Inquisition acknowledged that it had "found scarcely one trial conducted legally". In the Nordic countries, the late 17th century saw the peak of the trials in a number of areas: The Salem witch trials were a brief outburst of witch hysteria in the New World while the practice was waning in Europe. In the s Winifred King Benham and her daughter Winifred were thrice tried for witchcraft in Wallingford, Connecticut , the last of such trials in New England. Jane Wenham was among the last subjects of a typical witch trial in England in , but was pardoned after her conviction and set free. The last execution for witchcraft in England took place in , when Mary Hicks and her daughter Elizabeth were hanged. Janet Horne was executed for witchcraft in Scotland in The Witchcraft Act put an end of the traditional form of witchcraft as a legal offense in Britain. Those accused under the new act were restricted to those that pretended to be able to conjure spirits generally being the most dubious professional fortune tellers and mediums , and punishment was light. The last person in Germany to be executed for witchcraft was

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fifteen-year-old Veronika Zeritschin , who was beheaded and then burned on April 2, in Landshut. In the later 18th century, witchcraft had ceased to be considered a criminal offense throughout Europe, but there are a number of cases which were not technically witch trials but are suspected to have involved belief in witches at least behind the scenes. In France, there was sporadic violence and even murder in the s, with one woman reportedly burnt in a village square in Nord. The case against the supposed witch was dismissed upon the failure of the alleged victim, who had sworn out a warrant against him, to appear for the trial. However, some of his other accusers were convicted on criminal charges for their part in the matter, and various libel actions were brought. The persecution of those believed to perform malevolent sorcery against their neighbors continued into the 20th century. In two Russian farmers killed a woman and injured five other members of her family after believing that they had used folk magic against them. Matteson There were extensive efforts to root out the supposed influence of Satan by various measures aimed at the people who were accused of being servants of Satan. To a lesser degree, animals were also targeted for prosecution see animal trial. People suspected of being " possessed by Satan " were put on trial. On the other hand, the church also attempted to extirpate the superstitious belief in witchcraft and sorcery, considering it as fraud in most cases. Geoffrey Scarre and John Callow erroneously thought it "without doubt" that some of those accused in the trials had been guilty of employing magic in an attempt to harm their enemies, and were thus genuinely guilty of witchcraft. The trials themselves emerged sporadically, flaring up in some areas while neighbouring areas remained largely unaffected. Nevertheless, there were regional variations here, with relatively few executions in southern Bavaria and the Lower Rhine area. In Ireland, there were few trials, and those that did take place lacked the demonic elements present elsewhere on the continent. England, for instance, had and has a long history of strong judicial centralization and therefore regulations prevented easy convictions, except for periods such as the English Civil War and the periods of Witch-hunting ; Scotland, on the other hand, lacked the strong central government that England had and authorities had greater trouble controlling local justice or even contributed to the problem. During the time of the Witch Hunts, Germany was a patchwork of more than autonomous territories and was highly decentralized politically, therefore making Germany highly vulnerable to massive witch hunts that spun out of control in the absence of judicial regulations. The checks and balances inherent in the English jury system, which required a strong body the grand jury to indict and a strong one the petit jury to convict, always had a restraining effect on prosecutions. Another restraining influence was its relatively rare use of torture: The significance of the institutional difference is most clearly established by a comparison of the witch-hunts of England and Scotland, for the death toll inflicted by the courts north of the border always dwarfed that of England. Several freelance witch-hunters emerged during this period, the most notorious of whom was Matthew Hopkins , who emerged from East Anglia and proclaimed himself "Witchfinder General". In , the establishment of the Roman Inquisition effectively retrained secular courts under its influence from liberal application of torture and execution. In contrast with other parts of Europe, trials the Venetian Holy Office never saw conviction for the crime of malevolent witchcraft, or "maleficio". Rodney Stark notes the Inquisition in Spain gained a strong hold to combat the mob mentality regarding the prosecution of witches and to provided fair trials for those accused. Levack also notes of those nineteen hundred accused, most were never formally charged. Stark also noted that in Spain the punishment for a first-time offenses were often light, if any at all. Oftentimes, the Inquisitors would just have the offender reconcile with the Church. It was only if this reconciliation was refused was the "witch" sentenced to death. As a result, fifteen boys over the age of 16 were executed, while forty younger children were whipped. The torture of witches began to increase in frequency after when the Pope declared witchcraft to be "crimen exceptum" and thereby removed all legal limits on the application of torture in cases where evidence was difficult to find. This technique was also used in England, but without a limitation on time. A scholarly consensus only emerges in the second half of the 20th century, and historical estimates vary wildly depending on the method used. Early estimates tend to be highly exaggerated, as they were still part of rhetorical arguments against the persecution of witches rather than purely historical scholarship. The estimate was only

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reliably placed below , in scholarship of the s. Baker The Witch, No. Baker Socio-political turmoil[ edit ] Various suggestions have been made that the witch trials emerged as a response to socio-political turmoil in the Early Modern world. One form of this is that the prosecution of witches was a reaction to a disaster that had befallen the community, such as crop-failure, war, or disease. In the last decades of the century the age at marriage had climbed to averages of 25 for women and 27 for men in England and the Low Countries as more people married later or remained unmarried due to lack of money or resources and a decline in living standards, and these averages remained high for nearly two centuries and averages across Northwestern Europe had done likewise. Catholic versus Protestant conflict[ edit ] Further information: Of the trials that took place in southwestern Germany, occurred in Catholic areas, while Protestant territories accounted for of them.

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However, there is no one common ritual, but several different ceremonies the most important ceremony is represented in the Re temple, the dramatically texts of Ramessuem and in the Book of Opening The Mouth. The pictures often display the same scene, where a bull is lying on the ground, with its legs tethered together; on the other side of the bull a woman; with the butcher ready to cut off its forelegs, a sem priest standing behind the butcher and a lector priest. The woman is identified as Isis; the sem priest gives the signal for the butcher to slaughter the bull and the lector priest reciting the ritual. Swamp hunting included fowling with sticks and spear fishing. These narratives described how the upper class enjoyed hunting as recreational sport. Migrating Eurasian birds exhausted from their long journey come to rest in the wetlands of the Nile delta. Ancient Egyptians capitalized from the large flocks of birds and hunted them either for food, offerings to the dead and gods. Bird hunting through fowling with sticks was considered to be a sport practiced by royalty in ancient Egypt. Fowling with sticks was practiced by throwing a stick at flying birds. Initially, fowling with sticks was considered as a hobby practiced by the elite, [4] fowling with sticks became a common practice to commoners and not specific to royalty after the Fifth Dynasty. Clap net bird fowling[ edit ] A more efficient and effective technique practiced by ancient Egyptians to fowl birds was clap net, however it required teamwork, skilled fowlers, someone to coordinate and oversee, a clap net and sometimes a decoy bird which was usually a grey heron to attract the prey. Fishing was typically practiced on the river Nile, either by nets from a boat, using dragnets from shore or using bow nets in narrow banks of the river. On the other hand, fishing was also practiced as a sport for pleasure. Spear fishing and angle fishing were two types of fishing as a sport that required a lot of patience and skill. Spear fishing in ancient Egypt had greater value as a sport than angling did. Originally, in pre-historic and early times, spear fishing only served to provide food, and then it evolved into a recreation for the upper class. It is not clear whether harpoons were used to fish for fish only or for crocodiles and hippopotamus also; this is because of the relative small size of the harpoon to the size of the hippopotamus and crocodiles. Angling was mostly practiced among commoners and not upper class Egyptians. Unlike spear fishing, angling was not practiced as a sport but it was an important means of obtaining food. However, usually the pictures display commoners using angling to fish from a boat, with their masters watching. Evidence of the first fishing rod appears in the Middle Kingdom period, in the tomb of Beni Hasan. Later on in tombs of 18th and 19th dynasty officials, do we see evidence of upper class Egyptians practicing fishing by angling with their wives, which indicates that by that time, fishing by angling had become an upper class recreational sport. Once people started domesticating animals and depended on the reproduction of animals for food, that hunting lost its importance as a source of nutrition. As a result of the loss of dependency on hunting as a food source, hunting then became a recreational sport. Hunting was practiced by royalty to signify power and ability to protect their people from danger. Horus then avenged his father Osiris by killing Seth, who is incarnated as a hippopotamus. The king then takes the role of Horus whenever he kills the hippopotamus. From the First Dynasty onwards, some pictures have been found with scenes in which the king hunts alone, as the hippopotamus became the symbol of chaos and evil. The king then traveled north to Fayum accompanied by his army and ordered the soldiers to observe the wild bulls and confine them with fences and ditches. King Amenophis III spent four days in the hunt without resting his horses and had a tally of ninety-six wild bulls out of a total of one hundred and seventy bulls observed. Earliest pictures of lion hunting came from late pre-historic or early historic times and in the beginning it was not intended to be as a sport, but to rid the country of a plague, which was threatening people. Moreover, Tuthmosis III bragged about his ability to hunt lions, claiming that he killed seven lions in one second using his arrow shot. Amenophis III, a fan of big game hunting had a list of the animals he hunted, with one hundred

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and two wild lions in his first decade as ruler. It is not until the Egyptians push into Asia in the 18th dynasty that the Egyptian came into contact with elephants. Hunting elephants was treasured by Egyptian kings because of their ivory, which was a remains a valuable, moreover, hunting elephants displayed the power of the king because of their immense size. Tuthmosis III reported that he killed one hundred and twenty elephants. Sports and Games of Ancient Egypt. Between Heaven and Earth: Birds in Ancient Egypt. Touny, and Steffen Wenig. Sport in Ancient Egypt. Fish and Fishing in Ancient Egypt.

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