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LSW—Witch on Blackbird Pond

1. Lecture Day—They have a lecture day when the criminals are put on public display in stocks in the center of town as punishment for their crimes. Also the fact that instead of a jail they only have the constable’s shed.
2. Education—The way education is talked about throughout the book tells you it’s setting takes place long ago. They’re using primers and horn books. Also the fact that Kit and Mercy are teachers of a Dame school. Everyone is surprised at Kit’s ability to read because most women were not educated.
3. Ignorance of illness—When all the children get sick the people automatically blame witchcraft and claim Hannah and Kit put a spell on the children, instead of being logical and knowing how germs spread. Also that a treatment the doctor used was “bleeding” the children.