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Mankind: The Story of All of Us

Episode 9: "Pioneers"

Salem Witch Trials

00:00 – 8:40

1. The witch trials occurred because people were afraid. Why were they afraid?
2. The witchcraft trials had been going on in Europe for more than a century. Over 45,000 people had been killed; 80% of those killed were _____.

Siberian Fur Trappers & Conflict w/Indigenous Peoples

8:40 – 14:45

3. Why were furs in such high demand?
4. Why did Semyen Dezhnev and the Evenki fight each other?

The Scientific Revolution

14:45 – 20:17

5. Why did so many ships wreck in this period?
6. List *at least three* things that were discovered/finally understood in this period.
7. Jim Meigs said, "So often we think about the progress of science, we think about that 'aha' moment, that flash of insight. We don't recognize so much of science is dogged hard work." What does he mean by "dogged hard work?"

Captain James Cook

20:17 – 29:15

8. James Cook and the men of the *Endeavor* landed in a place that was new to the Europeans. What was it?
9. According to anthropologist Sabine Hyland, what did Cook fail to understand about the native people?
10. What was Joseph Bank's job on the expedition?
11. When the *Endeavor* hit a reef, they had to lighten the load by throwing things overboard. What is the one thing they saved? Why do you think that was so important to them?

Benjamin Franklin & the Electrical Experiment

29:16 – 35:20

12. What was Benjamin Franklin trying to prove when he flew his kite in the storm?

Ebenezer Mudgett & the Pine Tree Riot

35:21 – 44:10

13. Why did the king of England need the trees grown near Boston?
14. Ebenezer Mudgett was accused of stealing the king's timber – to be punished by one blow for every tree stolen. What did Mudgett do to Sheriff Whiting & Deputy Quigley?
15. According to Jim Meigs, the key change the Enlightenment brought was to do away with the idea that a powerful authority could tell you how the world worked. How was the scientific method different?