

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Bell Ringer: Anne Hutchinson

Instructions: Read the background information. Examine the picture. Answer the questions.



Background: Anne Hutchinson was a Puritan, mother of 15, and often challenged the authority figures in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Her strong religious convictions were at odds with the established Puritan clergy in the Boston area, and her popularity and charisma helped create a theological schism that threatened to destroy the Puritans' religious experimentation in New England. She was eventually put on trial and convicted for her opposition. Also, she was banished from the colony with many of her supporters.

1. Describe the artist's portrayal of Anne and the male leadership of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. How are we supposed to view Anne? How are we supposed to view the leaders? Explain.

2. Why would it have been difficult for Anne to challenge the authority of a young colony in the New World?

3. Why do you think the colonial leaders dealt so drastically with her?

4. Make a prediction, how did you think this historical occurrence impacted ideas of religious freedom and views of woman after this era?
