

The Pendle Witch Trilogy
The Betrayal of the Pendle Witch
Writing Guidance

Boxed Plot

The attached resource is designed to aid children's understanding of the overall plot of the story and can be used to assist them with creating their own version of a story linked to the arrests of the Pendle Witches and the theme of trust. The resource can be printed and photocopied for use in schools or for home learning.

Possible objectives / writing focus

The following objectives are suitable for Upper Key Stage Two. The objectives chosen should have already been taught to the children, ideally as part of this unit, so that they are applying skills that they have already learnt to their writing. Each day of writing should not have more than one objective, however if all aspects have been previously taught, they could form a writing checklist or 'must, should, could list'.

- To write in third person
- To write using past tense
- To combine standard and non-standard English
- To use noun phrases effectively to describe settings and/or objects
- To use more challenging vocabulary
- To effectively combine narrative, action and dialogue
- To explore characters' emotions and reactions within the theme of trust

Events from book	Generalised events	New version
Two friends who live close to Demdike and her family learn that one of them has been arrested for cursing a pedlar	<p>Historic events – Alizon Device curses a pedlar.</p> <p>Fiction – two people hear about it.</p>	
The friends reluctantly attend a party at Demdike's house	<p>Historic events – a party/coven is held at Malkin Tower.</p> <p>Fiction – the people attend.</p>	
They learn that the magistrate wants to arrest everyone who was at the party. One of them decides to run away and the other goes with her.	They decide to run away.	
One friend appears to be hiding something and the other comes to question whether she can trust her. Eventually they go their separate ways.	One friend starts to lose trust in the other.	
The friend with something to hide has learnt a spell and is determined to get her revenge on Demdike.	One of them wants revenge against one of the Pendle Witches.	
The magistrate finds the girls and the one wanting to cast the spell runs away but dies.	They are caught but try to escape.	