

# Deerfield Trial Project

On February 29, 1704, the sun rose on a chaotic scene in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts. Bodies lay in the street. Houses had been plundered and set on fire. The Native and French allies claimed captives; many who resisted or seemed unable to survive the difficult trek north were killed. By the time the forces withdrew, 41 English and six allies were dead.

**As a class, we will work on a mock trial of Tsohahisen, one of the Native Americans involved in the Deerfield Raid. Please note that no trial ever took place and no Native Americans were ever caught or arrested. Each of you will take on a specific role in the trial, and I will act as the judge**

The roles are as follows:

2 Prosecutors

2 Defense Attorneys

Tsohahisen (Defendant)

Witnesses for the Prosecution:

John Williams

Jonathan Hoyt

Stephen Williams

Witnesses for the Defense:

Eunice K. Williams

Atiwans

Jean-Baptiste Hertel de Rouville

Jurors (at least 6)

Clerk of Courts

Roles will be decided in our next class. Please keep in mind that some roles require more work than others. For example, the attorneys for both sides will have far more work than a juror. This will be kept in mind for grading and also the weight of the reflection paper.

Please visit the Deerfield Website if you want to do a little research on your own, before deciding what role you would like! Good Luck!

<http://1704.deerfield.history.museum/home.do>