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In the colonial era, tensions could be seen in society through Bacon's Rebellion and the Salem Witchcraft trials. Bacon's rebellion showed tensions between the general public and the government, while the Salem witch trials showed tensions about religion in the society.

Bacon's Rebellion showed the growing tensions between the government and the public. It was led by Nathaniel Bacon, and ~~was~~ he started it because he was not satisfied with how his governor dealt with the Native Americans. The governor ~~was~~ made agreements with the Native Americans in favor of them which caused Bacon and his followers to get angry. So, Bacon and his followers started the rebellion in 1676. However, they were unsuccessful. This shows the beginnings of tensions between the government and the common people. It shows different ideas and values, which caused the tension to occur. The colonists wanted the land of the Native Americans, but the government did not want to upset the Native Americans. This disagreement with the rebellion shows only the beginnings of tensions in colonial society.

The Salem Witchcraft trials show tensions in colonial society about ~~the~~ loyalty and religion. The Salem witchcraft trials took place in 1692 in Salem Massachusetts. Several teenage girls were accused of witchcraft. Then, they were tried and hung. The judge during the trials was a man named Cotton Mather. The trials show ~~of~~ society's strong feelings about loyalty to religion. These trials show tensions in society because they show difference in religious thinking and fear of the unknown. The fear in society is very evident in the Salem Witchcraft trials because they showed

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society's fear of the "witches", which reflects the tensions in the colonial society.

Bacon's Rebellion and the Salem Witchcraft trials both show tensions in colonial society. Bacon's Rebellion shows tensions between the colonial government and the colonists. The Salem Witchcraft trials shows tension through society's fears.

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~~Throughout~~

During ~~the~~ America's colonial times, there have been many rebellions and events caused from tensions within society. Two events that reflect such social tension are ~~Bacon's~~ ^{John} Rebellion (1734) and the Salem witchcraft trials (1692).

The Salem witchcraft trials ~~are~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~product~~ ~~of~~ ~~tension~~ between the ~~Puritans~~ and ~~their~~ ~~fear~~ ~~of~~ ~~women~~ ~~gaining~~ ~~power~~ ~~in~~ ~~society~~ ~~is~~ poor and rich Puritans. As by recent historical evidence cited in document sets to the Enduring Vision textbook, ~~many~~ an overwhelming number of accusers in witch trials lived in the dry regions of Salem while the accused often lived in the fertile, more productive areas of Salem. ~~These~~ These tensions may not have accounted for complete reasons why ~~are~~ a woman was accused of witchcraft. The Puritans were ~~are~~ fearful of women in power as well. Witches were often described as outspoken, and were often widows who had inherited land and money from their deceased husbands. Another interesting fact to be considered is that ~~accused~~ ~~of~~ ~~witches~~ were often accused of younger, teenaged people. It is speculated that teenagers, ~~often~~ ~~restricted~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~confines~~ ~~of~~ ~~family~~ under strict restrictions of family life and religion, would rebel by going out at night and when caught, would claim a witch had taken power of them. ~~As~~ As of the case where a African American maid was accused of witchcraft,

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teenagers would pretend in front of live ~~defendants~~^{juries}, to have ~~been~~ been possessed of the women on trial. ~~In another~~
 In other colonial rebellions, such as ~~Bacon's~~^{Stono} Rebellion tensions of poverty and wealth can also be seen. Slaves, often suppressed ~~by their masters and~~ and whipped by their wealthy plantation masters, rebelled in 1739 with the Stono Rebellion. Led by Stono, the Stono Rebellion was the ~~first~~^{one of the first} ~~organized~~^{recorded} rebellion events of a slave-organized rebellion. This rebellion, although not successful (~~left many slaves~~ many slaves were executed and punished), reflects the tension of southern slave owners and their slaves. It produced a mass fear of similar slave rebellions and caused even harsher conditions and closer supervision for other slaves nation wide.

Throughout America's history, there have been many ~~slave revolts~~ revolts and events to show social and class tensions in society. The Salem ~~and~~ ~~witch~~ trials and the Stono Rebellion were two of several cases ~~and~~ that reflect the abundant tensions and conflicts during America's colonial times.

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The Pueblo Revolt and the Salem witchcraft trials represent two very different kinds of tensions in colonial society in the late 17th century. One is of a people feeling oppressed and invaded on their own land, and having a hatred toward their oppressors. The other is one of lashing out toward people in their own society, because of the uncertainty and fear they had about their lives in a new land.

The Pueblo Revolt was very reflective of tensions in colonial society. These people, who had been living on their lands for centuries without the least bit of interference by outsiders (except for those surrounding their lands), had been ultimately ravaged by the Spanish and forced to live a life they had previously not even feared. They must have had a great hatred for their oppressors, and were not as ~~weak~~ faintly as many thought, since they were able to organize and fight their rulers. Although they were eventually put down, it is certain that they want and the need for vengeance existed unabatingly. They did not want the new culture that was brought to them, they had no desire to change their previous way and be subjected to a life of servitude. But they had to anyway, and because of this they rebelled. After the Pueblo Revolt in 1680, the Spanish were ~~driven out~~, increasingly hesitant to the subject, and of course they were the

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the stranger was. But they were also fearful, for they had recognized a people with the risk of revolt was ever present in their minds. One would probably have been able to cut the tension with a knife in their society, for the hatred must have been equally palpable.

In terms of the Salem witchcraft trials, this was of a different breed. Considering the fear and uncertainty many ~~of~~ settlers experienced as a result of leaving their homes for good in hopes of a better life, it is not surprising that those friendly neighbors might lash out at one another because of the fear of the unknown. Many women were accused and then condemned as a result of suspicion under whether they were witches or not. Usually they were those not with husbands or children, or a little out of step with society in the small towns, and those who did not like the way they did not conform, and thought them strange or unsavory gave themselves a reason to hate them: the belief that they were witches. These accusations made by town people and then followed by a great amount of others were ~~to~~ futile, more often than not, but they nevertheless resulted in the deaths ~~of~~ many women — often brutally killed. ~~Some~~ They were also made to perform ridiculous tests such as tying a stone to their back to see if they would sink, which of

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course they would - and down in the process. Many were also burned at the stake. These trials were a result of hatred and narrowmindedness, it is true, but they were also ones of a people scared of what the future might hold and giving into the human condition of believing the worst. This does not mean the trials were any more fair than they should have been - they were incredibly biased - but that the tensions so prevalent in their society led to the burning of many.

Both of these events in history represent the great many tensions in society: the want for food and money; the need for certain terms and knowledge of the future; the desire to live one's own life; the hope that one might be successful; the ^{misguided} hate for people unlike oneself and the need to do something about it. It is not surprising that these events would occur, and that others like it occurred in the years ~~and~~ before and after it, and it truly shows the course of history and human nature.