

## Proposal Sample

Title - Anne Boleyn: Bewitching Us Since 1536

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Abstract: This paper examines the memory and myth creation of today's society surrounding the depiction of King Henry VIII's second wife Anne Boleyn. Throughout time, and especially with the creation of Hollywood, society has fallen into the trap of believing in the idea of Anne Boleyn as the 'wicked' 'witch' wife. Shows like *The Tudors*, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, and even *Harry Potter* have worked to manipulate historical facts and create a myth of history. This case study seeks to not only define who Anne Boleyn was, what witches were believed to be in Anne's own time and throughout time, and why Anne Boleyn does not fit into the category by proof of primary sources, but it is a paper which seeks to suggest to audiences to not allow the social media of today to teach them their history. Countless films have been made about historical eras and many leave theaters believing they now 'understand' or 'know' what *really* happened. Yet, they had not gone through primary documents or accredited historical studies, ones such as the ones used in this paper such as Anne's own writings, the *Malleus Maleficarum*, and letters from dignitaries at the time. This paper will challenge the way people consume their history today and create a thread of critical thinking the next time one enters a theater to see a historical depiction.