



Credits:

Image online, courtesy Pillory History.

Report of the "[Whitehall Evening Post](#)," from April 13, 1780, online via Macquarie University (in Sydney, Australia).

PD

See Alignments to State and Common Core standards for this story online at:

<http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/AcademicAlignment/Pillory-Punishment-for-Cheating-Perjury-Other-Misdemeanors-0>

See Learning Tasks for this story online at:

<http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/AcademicActivities/Pillory-Punishment-for-Cheating-Perjury-Other-Misdemeanors-0>

Media Stream

Pillory at Michelham Priory

What, exactly, is a pillory?



Resembling a set of stocks - into which a seated person's ankles (and sometimes wrists) would be inserted - a pillory usually requires its occupant to stand (not sit). And ... unlike stocks (which focus only on hands and feet), a pillory includes a hole for a person's neck.

Michelham Priory, located southeast of London in the UK town of Hailsham (East Sussex), still has an old pillory. Once a place where Augustinian monks lived, this priory has records extending back to 1229.

People tell tales about Michelham - especially tales that it's haunted.

One of the many ghosts which people claim they've seen, at Michelham, is that of Thomas Sackville. Once the priory's owner, Sackville - so the stories go - still haunts the halls of his old place to this very day.

Click on the image for a better view.

Image, by an unnamed photographer, online via Pillory History. Fair use for educational purposes.

View this asset at:

<http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Pillory-at-Michelham-Priory>