

Joan of Arc Burned

In early morning on May 30, 1431 Joan of Arc was burned at the stake for witchcraft in Rouen. She was 19. The debate over Joan rages on. Was she getting guidance from God? From the devil? Was she simply making it up? Is she crazy? She claims God started speaking to her at the young age of 13, telling her she could lead France to victory and place the rightful king Charles of Valois on the throne. Joan took a vow of chastity in order to aid her in her divine mission, and managed to convince a court that she could not be forced into a marriage her father wanted for her. So, props to her. I mean after-all sometimes the only way out of this male dominated world is through chastity. Plus it's very hard for women to win court cases in this day and age. That judge sounds pretty cool. Then of course we have to give Charles some respect for trusting her with an army. I'm not saying I would have, I mean she had no experience and just supposedly the word of God, but whatever, most men would have just dismissed her as a woman. Of course, he did totally abandon her in her time of need, and made no attempt to negotiate her release, but what can we say, men are weak. OHHHH ALSO! Can we just say that Joan of Arc was charged with the crime of "dressing like a man." First of all, how is that a crime? Second of all, how could that possibly be a crime that ever results in burning (okay we get it it was amongst other crimes). But also, how do you expect her to move around France as a woman by herself? Oh, and by the way. If she had been a witch, you would have known, believe me.