Dot Game

The Crucible

During the Salem Witch Trials people were paranoid and suspicious of each other. No one knew who they could trust. Everyone was on the hunt for witches in their own community. There were books that gave examples of how to spot a witch and trials were held seeking out information. If someone was accused of witchcraft, they would most likely be put to death, unless they confessed and repented, or were found innocent of such crimes.

In the dot game we are simulating the fear and suspicion in Salem in 1692.

If you receive a black dot you are a normal villager. You do not like witches, and you want to execute all of them before they can hurt you or the people you love. You have two goals:

1. You must try to find everyone that is a red dot. If you think that someone is a red dot, then you must “accuse” them of being a witch and put a sticky note on their shirt.
2. You must form an alliance of normal villagers that can help to protect you. There can be no red dots in your group. The alliance with the most black dots and no red dots wins.

If you receive a red dot you are a witch. You want to survive! You need to pretend to be a normal villager so that they will not accuse you and then execute you. You have two goals:

1. Survive! Do not be accused of being a witch. Act normal so that no one knows what you are.
2. Infiltrate the black dot alliances. There is safety in numbers, and you want people to help protect you. It might even help if you put the accusation on other people so that you can save yourself. The red dot that infiltrates the largest number of black dots wins!

Afterwards:

-How did it feel to be a black dot? Did you have a plan to find out who was a witch? Did you feel safe at being normal or afraid that a witch was going to deceive you?

-How did it feel to be a red dot? Did you have a plan to survive and infiltrate? Did you feel afraid at being found out? Did anyone figure out what you were?

NO ONE REVEAL IF YOU ARE A BLACK DOT OR A RED DOT UNTIL I TELL YOU TH REVEAL YOURSELVES! NO SHOWING OF DOTS!