

Plymouth Colony



- In England - Religion - Follow the monarch
- Separatist - wanted to choose their religion
- 1620 - Pilgrims left Europe for Virginia
- William Bradford - Leader
- **PILGRIM** – a person who takes a religious journey

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- Landed in Massachusetts
- Many felt that since they were not in Virginia they didn't have to follow the law.
- Before leaving the ship they signed the

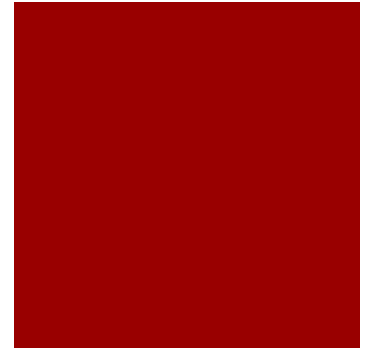
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- 41 Men
- Created a government to make **“just and equal laws”**
- Office holders were elected

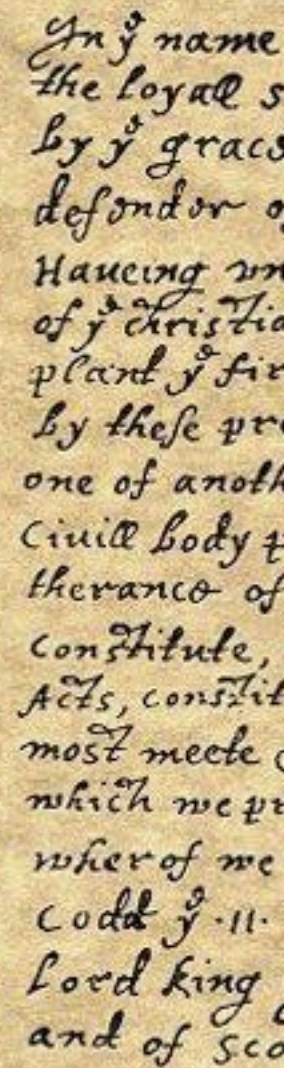
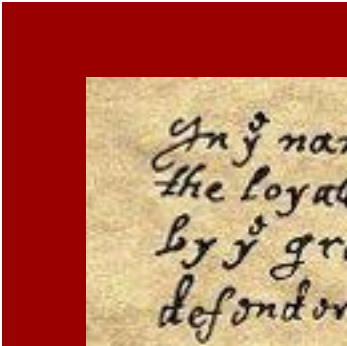
<http://www.history.com/topics/exploration-of-north-america/videos#deconstructing-history-mayflower>

Mayflower Compact

- FIRST democratic document to be drafted in the New World
- Became a model for later documents, such as the Constitution.



- In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, etc.
- Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic; for our better ordering, and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.
- In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the 11th of November, in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth, 1620.[12]



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