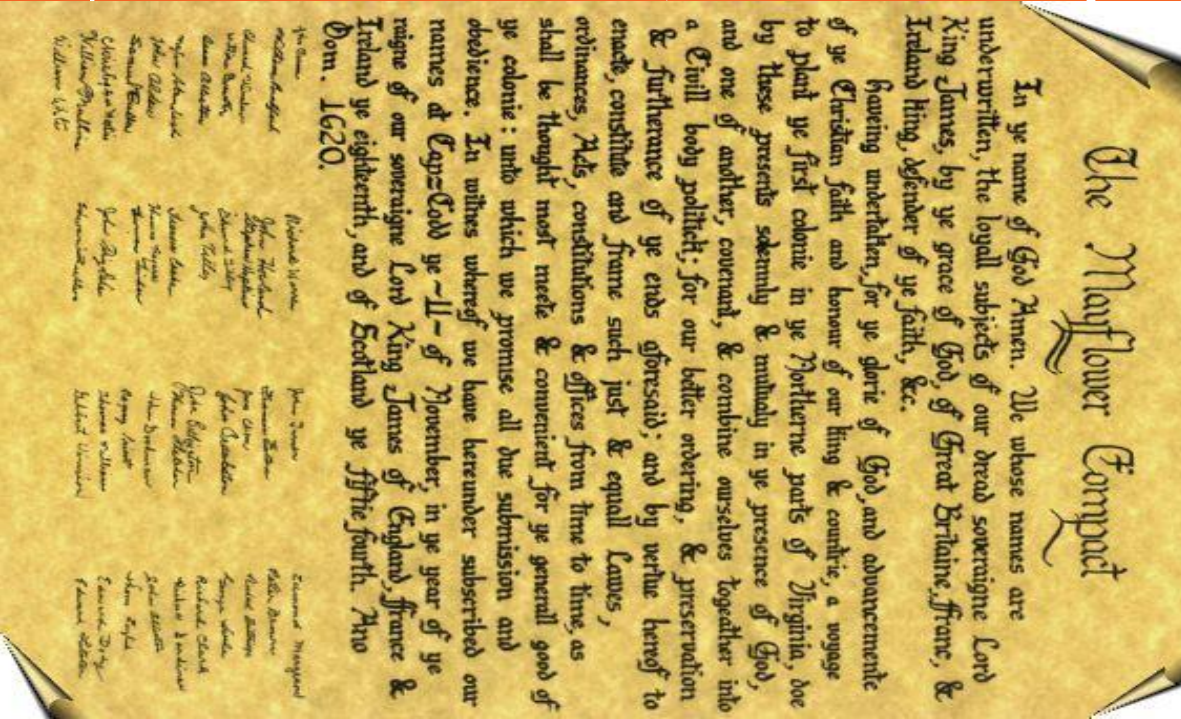


Mayflower Compact

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When/Facts

The Mayflower was looking for Virginia but landed in Massachusetts.

The Mayflower Compact was signed on November 11th, 1620 on board the Mayflower shortly after she came to anchor off Provincetown Harbor.

The Mayflower Compact was signed by 41 people

It was the first written government in the New World

Every adult male had to sign it

The original document has never been found, but the leader of the pilgrims preserved a copy and a list of those who signed it.



Religion, Politics, Economics, and Society

The Mayflower Compact was one of the first governments in the U.S that was not controlled by a king.

The compact was written to keep order and to establish rules for self-government. The signers agreed to work together and obey and create laws that were “just and equal” and that were made for the “general good of the colony”.

The Mayflower Compact played an important role in shaping both the religion and the politics of the colony.

It was first democracy established by Europeans in North America, with elected governors and their assistants, a group who made laws, voted, as well as having a General Court that claimed the sole right to tax, declare war, and frame legislation

Most of the people who signed the Mayflower Compact were coming to America to flee religious persecution, which led many churches to be built and for laws that allowed for religious freedom.
