

## *Puritans Create New England Study Guide*

### *Who is King Henry the VIII?*

- King Henry VIII (1491-1547) ruled England for 36 years, he controlled and made changes that brought his nation into the Protestant Reformation.

***Protestant Reformation:*** protestant reformation was a major 16th century European movement aimed initially at reforming the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. Its religious aspects were supplemented by ambitious political rulers who wanted to extend their power and control at the expense of the Church.

- The continuous success in military earned King Henry VIII the title “Father of the English Navy”
- Henry the VIII did not create the Church of England.
- Henry wanted to divorce his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, and marry Ann Boleyn.
- The Pope did not allow Henry an annulment of his marriage to Catherine, Henry renounced the Pope's authority over the Church of England and made himself the ruler.
- Henry the VIII remarried and had six wives in his search for political alliance and happiness in marriage.

### *Who were the Puritans?*

*What is the difference between the Puritans, Separatists, and Pilgrims?*

***Puritan:*** a member of a group of English Protestants of the late 16th and 17th centuries who regarded the Reformation of the Church of England under Elizabeth as incomplete and sought to simplify and regulate forms of worship.

***Separatists:*** a person who supports the separation of a particular group of people from a larger body on the basis of ethnicity, religion, or gender.

***Pilgrim:*** a person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons.

The Separatists, or Independents, were English Protestants who occupied the extreme wing of Puritanism. The Separatists were severely critical of the Church of England and wanted to either destroy it or separate from it.

- The Puritans left England primarily due to religious persecution but also for economic reasons as well
- This was problematic for the separatists because, at that time, the church and state were one in England and the act of separating from the Church of England was considered treasonous
- The Puritans believed that the Church of England focused on the rituals and traditions when instead the Puritans wanted to believe in their faith in God and what the Bible says.

### *Why did the puritans really leave England for the new world?*

- The Puritans were forced to flee England and Europe because they were being mistreated for their religious beliefs
- By eliminating all traces of Catholicism the Puritans wanted to purify, they felt it had too much catholic rituals and traditions rather than just using bible, faith, and prayer.
- The Puritans left to build a model of a new society, they left the church of England ruled by King Henry the VIII.
- They wanted to experience God through faith prayer and the study of the bible not through rituals and traditions

### *What is the Mayflower Compact?*

***Mayflower Compact:*** A set of rules for self-governance established by the English settlers who traveled to the New World on the Mayflower. When Pilgrims and other settlers set out on the ship for America in 1620, they intended to lay anchor in northern Virginia..... Jewel

- The Mayflower Compact was the first agreement for self-government to be created and enforced in the new world.
- The compact talked about their faith and belief in God and his guidance, which was very important to the pilgrims and what they believed.
- It helped everyone who believed in God feel equal because of the compact.
- The compact established and showed a true form of a democratic government
- On September 16, 1620 the Mayflower, a British ship, with 102 passengers, who called themselves Pilgrims, aboard sailed from Plymouth, England.
- When the Mayflower pilgrims were carried off course, they found themselves outside the authority of the Virginia's company's patent. To form their own government they drew up an agreement known as the Mayflower compact.

