



## The Massachusetts Colony

The colony of Massachusetts was founded in 1620, when the Pilgrims arrived from England and formed the Plymouth Colony. Although the Pilgrims were ravaged by disease and hunger, they managed to write the Mayflower Compact, a local government that established rules and regulations in order to ensure the colony's survival.

Upon their arrival, local Wampanoag Indians, led by Chief Massasoit, taught them to plant crops. About half the original passengers on the Mayflower survived. In 1620, the Pilgrims and Indians celebrated the first Thanksgiving, though it was certainly not the type of celebration we have today.

In 1629, Puritans founded the Massachusetts Bay Colony in Boston. The Puritan colony grew quickly and soon became the economic and religious center of Massachusetts. Unlike the Pilgrims, who came to Massachusetts for religious freedom, the Puritans came for religious purification, and were intolerant of other religious groups. Many religious groups were banned from Massachusetts and several dissenters exiled by the Puritans, such as Roger Williams and Joseph Hooker, founded other colonies.

**1.) Who arrived in Massachusetts in 1620?**

- A. Pilgrims
- B. Wampanoags
- C. Joseph Hooker
- D. Roger Williams

**2.) Which of the following best describes the Mayflower Compact?**

- A. A small army
- B. A small government
- C. A small ship
- D. A small weapon

**3.) Which of the following words best describes the Wampanoag Indians in how they acted toward the Pilgrims?**

- A. Tiresome
- B. Illegal
- C. Suspicious
- D. Helpful

**4.) \_\_\_\_\_ of the passengers on the Mayflower survived at Plymouth.**

- A. Most
- B. All
- C. None
- D. Some

**5.) The Pilgrims were \_\_\_\_\_ equipped for life in the New World.**

- A. Well
- B. Poorly
- C. Totally
- D. Sort of

**6.) The Massachusetts colony would soon be dominated by...**

- A. the English
- B. the Pilgrims
- C. the Indians
- D. the Puritans

**7.) Pilgrims came to America for \_\_\_\_\_ and Puritans came to America for \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. religious purification; religious purification
- B. religious freedom; religious freedom
- C. religious purification; religious freedom
- D. religious freedom; religious purification

**8.) The Puritans were \_\_\_\_\_ of other religious groups.**

- A. intolerant
- B. fairly tolerant
- C. totally tolerant
- D. accepting

**9.) Which of the following WAS a result of the Puritan stance on religious freedom?**

- A. The Pilgrims protested
- B. Dissenters founded colonies based on the same ideals.
- C. Dissenters founded colonies based on opposite ideals.
- D. The passage does not say.

**10.) What does the word 'banned' mean in the following sentence?**

Many religious groups were **banned** from Massachusetts and several dissenters exiled by the Puritans, such as Roger Williams and Joseph Hooker, founded other colonies.

- A. Allowed
- B. Contained
- C. Prohibited
- D. Destroyed