

The Settlement of New England



A. Separatists



vs.

Puritans



Puritanism

Puritans:

- Want to totally reform (purify) the Church of England away from Catholic traditions

Predestination: God had already chosen those that would be saved

- Good works could not save those predestined for hell
- Believed there were signs in life of your spiritual status





Separatists

- | Extreme Puritans
- | Church Membership should only be given to the "elect" (those that were "saved")
- | Thought they were forced to share churches with the "damned"
- | Therefore, they believed in a total break from the Church of England



Migration

- | Puritans hoped to reform from within - initially wanted to stay in England
- | Separatists (a.k.a. Pilgrims) decided to leave England
 - Initially went to Holland (1608)
 - Feared children were becoming "Dutch" not English
 - Decided to go to Virginia

B. The Flight of the Mayflower



The Journey

- 1620 → Separatists leave England to settle in VA
- Only half were Separatists
- 102 people arrived in Plymouth Bay (MA) in November 1620
 - Mixture of men, women, and children
- VA Company had no control over them or their land
- Had to establish their own government



The Mayflower Compact

November 11, 1620

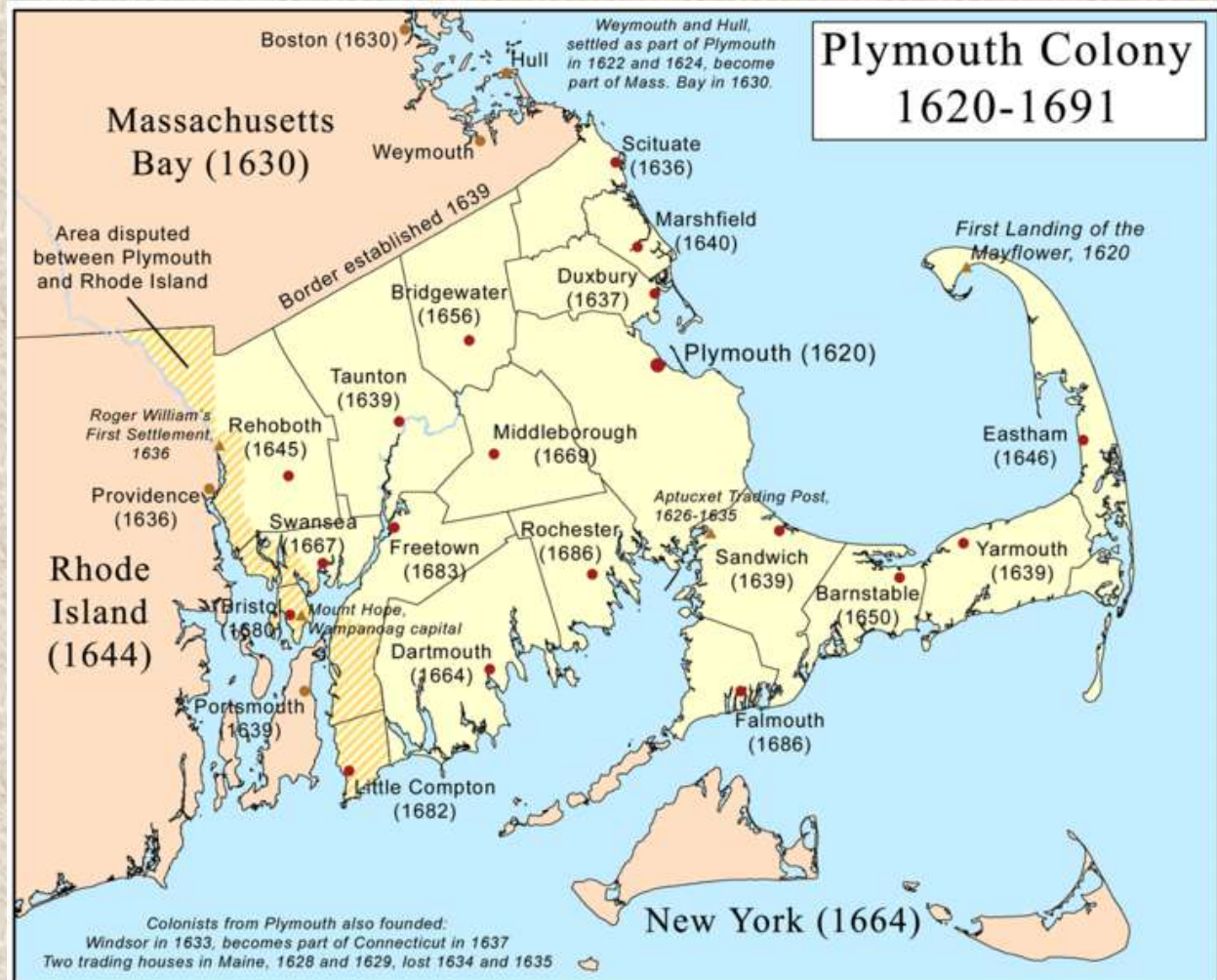
In the name of god Amen. We whose names are Underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Soueraigne Lord King James by the graces of god, of great Britaine, France, & Ireland King Defender of the faith, &c

Having undertaken, for the glorie of god, and advancement of the Christian, and honour of our King & Countrey, a voyage to plant the first Colonie in the Northern parts of Virginia. Do by these presents solemnly & mutually in the presence of god, and one of another, Covenant, & combine our selves together into a Civill body politick, for the better ordering, & preservation & furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof to enacte, constitute, and frame, such just & equall Lawes, or ordinances, Acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & convenient for the generall good of the Colonie: Unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cap- Codd the 11. of Nouember, in the year of the raigne of our soueraigne Lord King James of England, France, & Ireland the eighteenth and of Scotland the fiftie fourth. An. Dom. 1620.

- | Written and signed before the Mayflower passengers disembarked from the ship.
- | Not a constitution, but an agreement to form a govt. and submit to majority rule.
 - Signed by 41 adult males.
 - 1st written frame of govt. in U.S.
 - Led to adult males meeting in assemblies to make laws



C. The Establishment of the Plymouth Colony





That First Year.....

- | Area was recently abandoned by Native Americans
- | Landed too late in the year to move off of the ship
- | Winter of 1620-1621
 - Only 50 out of the original 102 survived.
- Spring 1621: Created an alliance with Chief Massasoit of Wampanoag Tribe
- None chose to leave in 1621 when the Mayflower sailed back to England.
- Began to build a permanent community with the assistance of Squanto

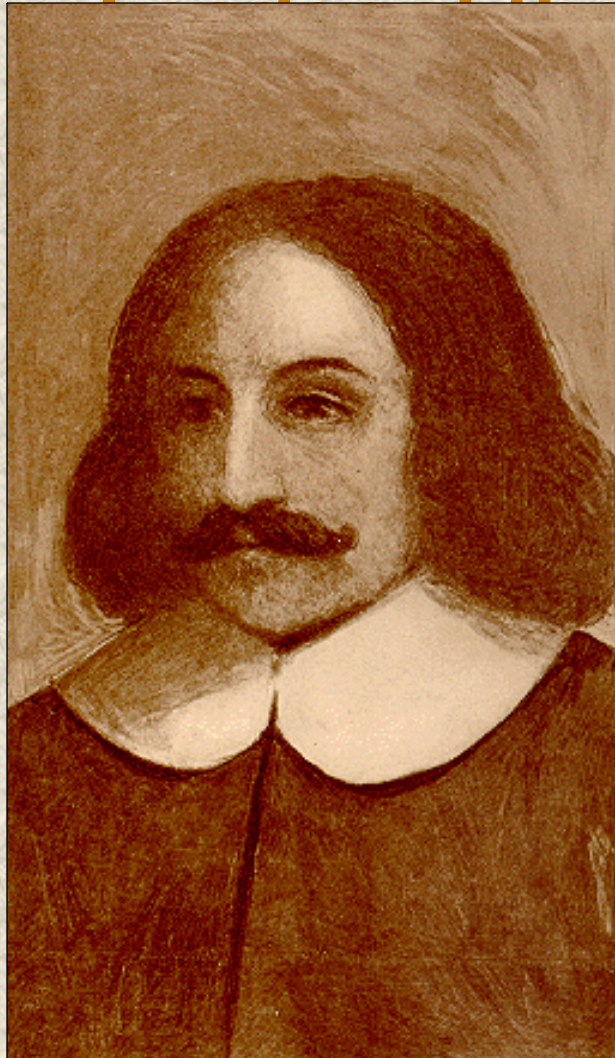


That First Year....

- October 1621 → First "Thanksgiving"
 - More a harvest festival



William Bradford



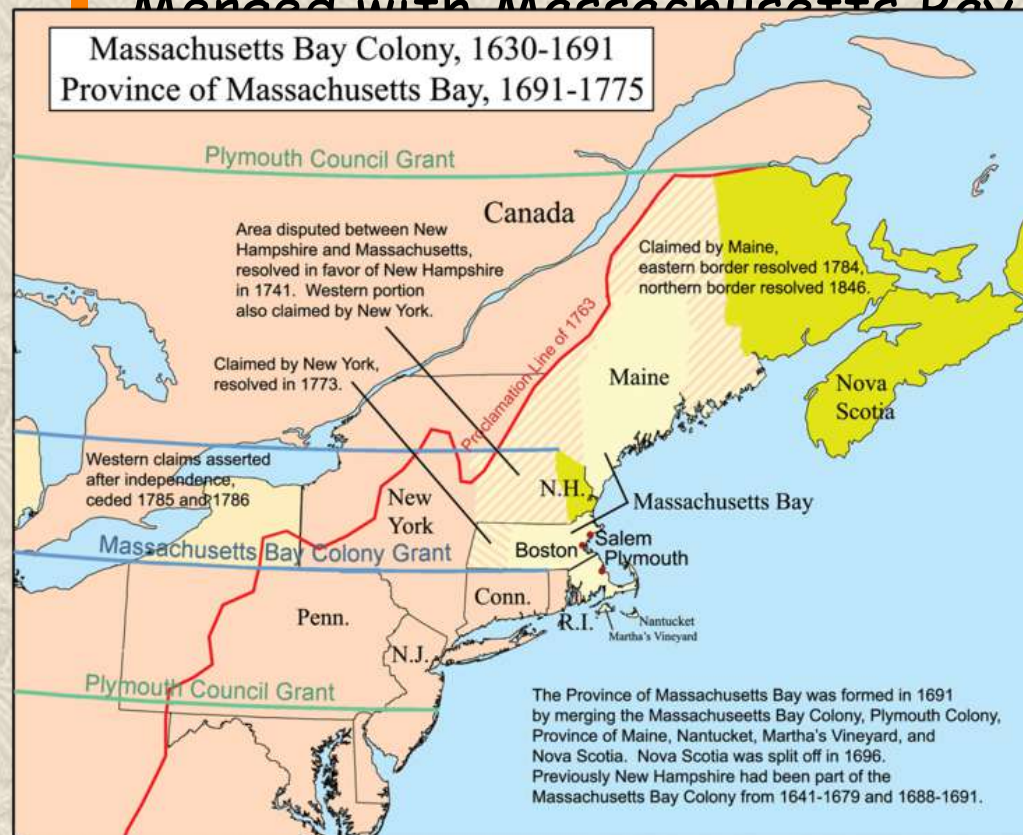
Plymouth Colony

- Chosen governor of Plymouth 30 times in yearly elections
- Maintained alliance with Chief Massasoit
- More ships will eventually bring more colonists to the area
- Religion was central to daily life



In the end...

- Plymouth stayed small and economically unimportant.
 - 1691 → only 7,000 people
 - Merged with Massachusetts Bay Colony.



D. The Great Migration & Massachusetts





The MA Bay Colony

- | 1629 → Puritans got a royal charter to form the MA Bay Company
 - Wanted to escape attacks by conservatives in the Church of England.
 - They didn't want to leave the Church, just its "impurities."
 - 1630 → 1,000 people set off in 11 ships
- Established a colony with Boston as its hub
 - "Great Migration" of the 1630s
- Turmoil in England sent about 70,000 people to Americas.
 - 20,000 were Puritan and went to MA



John Winthrop

- | Became 1st governor of Massachusetts.
 - Served as governor or deputy-governor for 19 years.
- | Believed they had a covenant with God

We shall be as a city on a hill...





Characteristics of MA Bay Colony

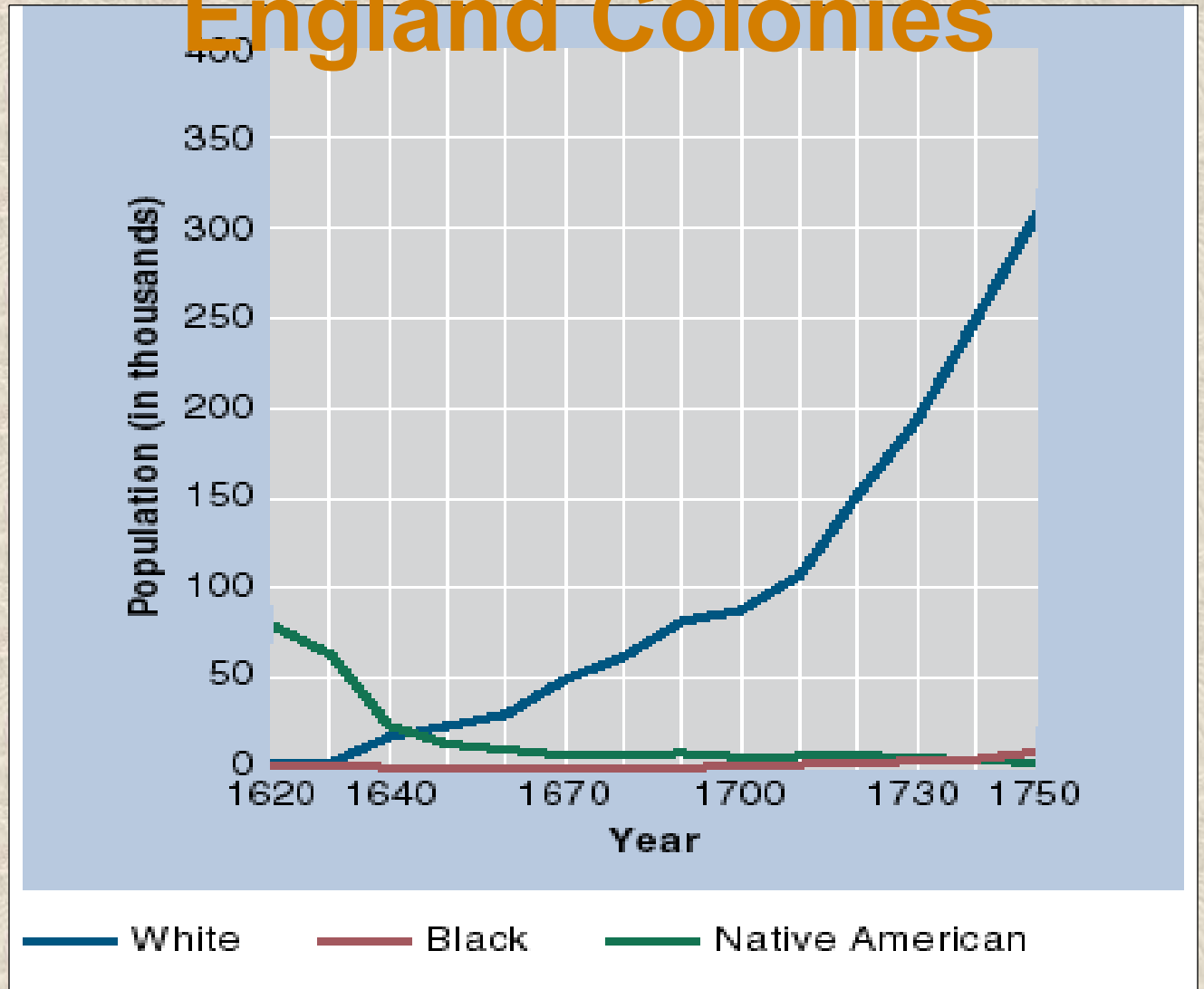
- Most people arrived in families desiring a permanent settlement
- Government and Church were tied together called "Bible Commonwealth"
- Organized the colony in self-governing towns
- Communities formed covenants to work together
- Elected their own governor



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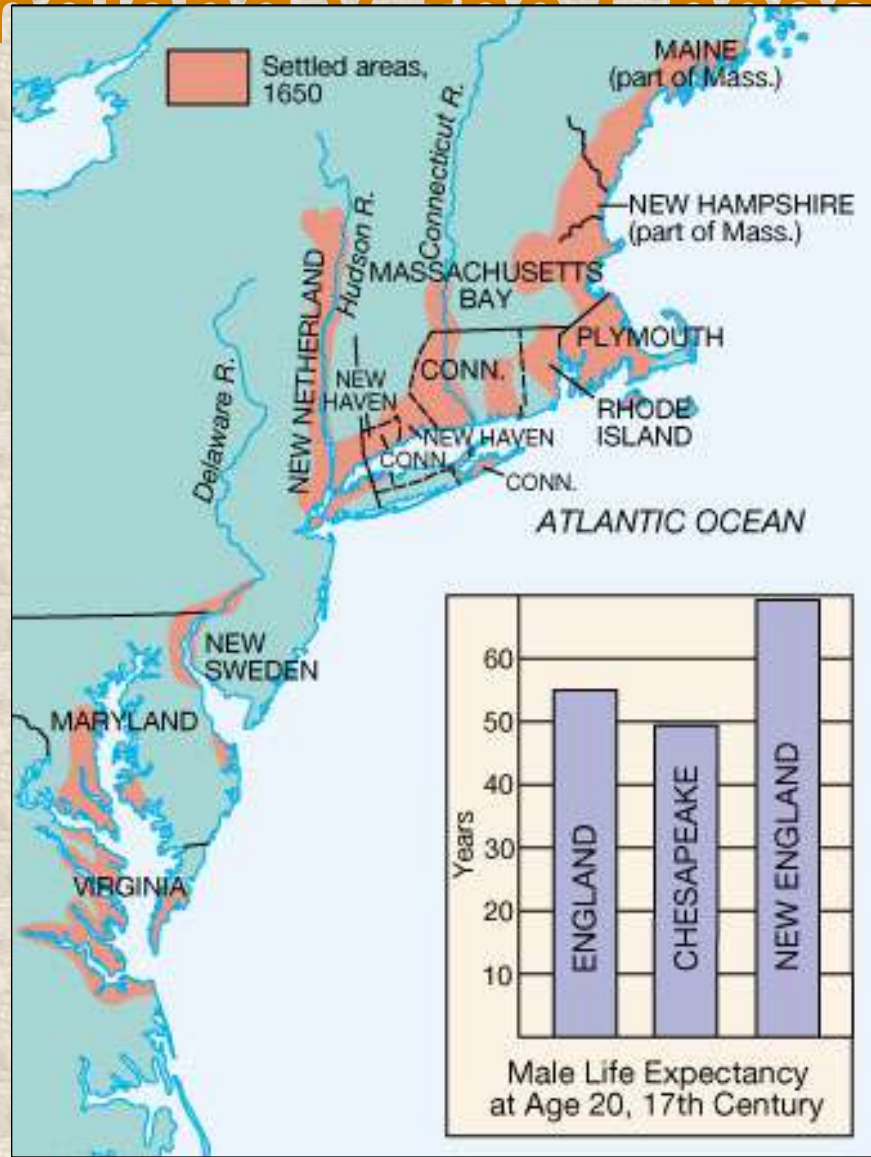
- Hierarchical and Patriarchal Society
- Low mortality → average life expectancy was 70 years of age.
- Large and extended families
- Population increased dramatically
- Education had high value
 - 1636 Harvard established
 - MA School Law of 1642 - Any community with more than 50, had to establish schools

Population of the New England Colonies



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Population Comparisons: New England vs. the Chesapeake





Economy of MA Bay Colony

- Economy not based on farming
 - Main occupation
 - Soil/Climate were very limiting
- Other main industries
 - Fishing
 - Lumber
 - Shipping & Shipbuilding
- Quickly developed large towns which fostered a growing merchant class



“Puritan Ethic”

- Devotion to hard work, frugality, self-discipline
- Intolerance
 - Dissenters exiled & establish RI and CT
 - 1692 Salem Witch Trials

E. New England dealings with Native Americans



Puritans vs. Native Americans

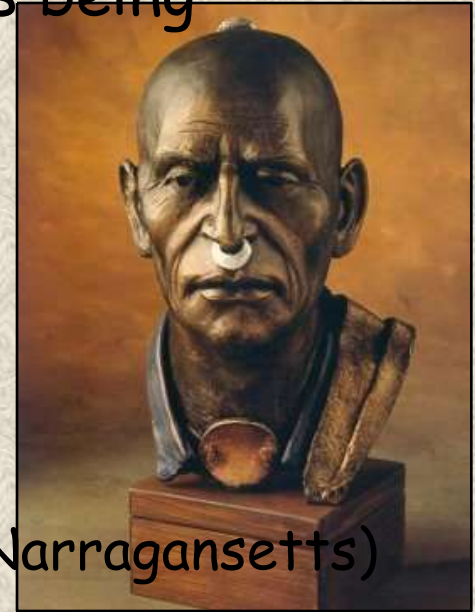
- Culture differences led to clashes
- Natives did not have an alliance and will work against one another
- 1637 Pequot War - natives defeated





King Philip's War (1675-1676)

- Natives feared their culture was being subverted
- Want to halt British expansion
- **Metacom** (King Philip to white settlers)
- Massasoit's son united Natives (Wampanoags, Nipmucks, & Narragansetts)
 - Staged coordinated attacks on white settlements throughout New England
 - 10% of male population killed or captured
 - Frontier settlements forced to retreat to Boston.





King Philip's War {1675-1676}



- The war ended in failure for the Indians
 - Metacom beheaded and drawn and quartered
 - Many sold into slavery in Caribbean
 - Native Americans never a serious threat in New England again