

Pilgrims and Puritans began a new life by starting colonies in North America.

NEW ENGLAND SETTLEMENTS

Lesson 3 Vocabulary

◎ Puritan:

- A person who wanted to purify the Church of England

◎ Separatist:

- A person who wanted to separate from the Church of England and start a new church

◎ Pilgrim:

- A person who travels to a holy place

Plymouth and the Pilgrims

- By law, everyone in England had to belong to the Church of England.
- After a while, some people began to criticize the Church of England.
- They became known as Puritans and Separatists.
- The Pilgrims left England to practice their religion in peace.

The First Year at Plymouth

- Since there were no rules in place, the Separatists and other English settlers wrote an agreement called the Mayflower Compact.
- The Pilgrims made friends with the Wampanoag Indians who helped the Pilgrims survive the winter and taught them to farm.
- To celebrate, they had a festival that we call Thanksgiving today.

Puritans and the Massachusetts Bay Colony

- The Puritans also left England to practice their religion in peace.
- They came to New England to create a community that would be a model to the world.
- John Winthrop, their leader, prepared for months for the trip to New England.
- The Puritans were the first settlers to come to America so well equipped.

New England Settlers

Pilgrims	Puritans
Left England for the Netherlands because of religious persecution	Left England in 1630 for religious freedom in North America
Sailed to North America in 1620	Well prepared for trip
Founded Plymouth Plantation	Well equipped to start a colony
Many died the first winter	Founded Boston
Helped by Native Americans	Many more Puritans arrived, founded towns around Boston

Lesson Review

- Why and how did the Pilgrims settle in New England?
- What were the goals of the Puritans who settled in Massachusetts Bay?
- Why was John Winthrop's leadership important to the growth of Boston?
- Why was the Mayflower Compact so important?