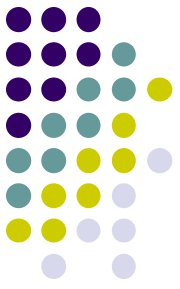


The Pilgrims & Providence

Lesson 3



Review

- Separatists – Impatient Puritans
- Leiden – Pilgrims noted for their honesty and hard work
- God blessed the church in Holland
- After 11-12 years, they determined to leave for:
 - hardness of circumstance
 - growing old
 - children
 - to promote the Gospel

Personalities: Leiden, Holland



- **William Brewster** – Elder in church. Sails on Mayflower.
- **William Bradford** – Sails on Mayflower
- **John Robinson** – Pastor. Remains at Leiden

Mayflower Voyage

- **Captain Miles Standish** - soldier

Timeline - Americas



1610

Jamestown Settlement

1617

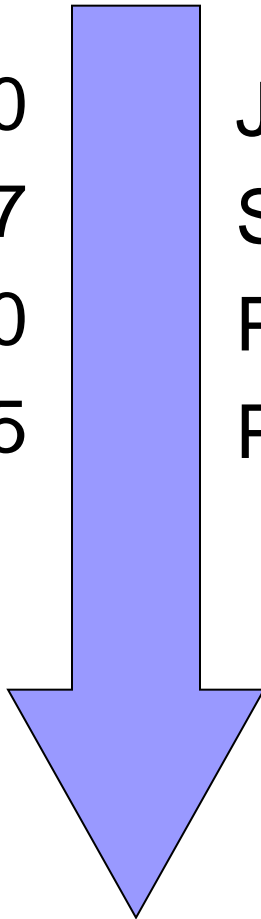
Smallpox Plague – Patuxet Indians

1620

Pilgrims Land at Plymouth

1625

Puritans at Salem

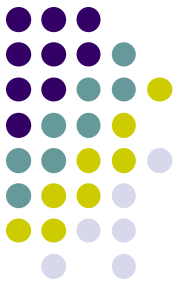


The Mayflower Compact



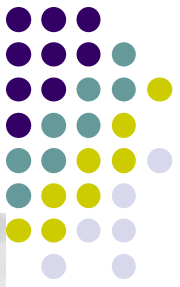
Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our king & country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these present solemnly & mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant & combine ourselves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering & preservation & furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact laws, ordinances, acts constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet & convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cap-Codd the 11th. of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord, King James, of England, France, & Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland, the fifty fourth. Ano: Dom. 1620.

Importance of Mayflower Compact

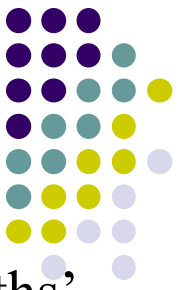


- Beginning of “self-government”
- Government is a form of covenant
- Power derived from consent of the governed

Photo of Pilgrim Landing



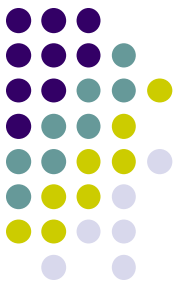
Bradford – The First Winter (1620-1621)



But that which was most sad and lamentable was that in 2 or 3 months' time, half of their company died, especially in January and February, being the depth of winter, and lacking houses and other comforts; being infected with the scurvy and other diseases, which this long voyage and the unhealthy condition had brought upon them; so as there died sometimes 2 or 3 in a day during that period of time; and that of 100 and some odd persons, scarcely 50 remained... there was but 6 or 7 healthy persons, who, to their great praise it should be said, spared no pains, night or day, but with much effort and risk to their own health, fetched them wood, made them fires, prepared them meat, made their beds, washed their disgusting clothes, dressed and undressed them...

Two of these 7 were Mr. William Brewster, their reverend Elder, and Myles Standish, their Captain and military commander, unto whom myself and many others, were much indebted in our low and sick condition.

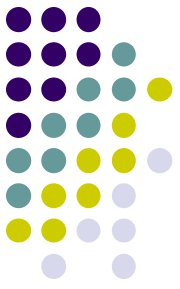
Bradford – First Fall (1621)



They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to prepare their houses and dwellings for winter, being all well recovered in health and strength, and had all things in good plenty; for as some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were employed at fishing of cod and bass and other fish, of which they brought in a good supply, and of which every family had their portion. All summer there was no need.

And now began to come in supply of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first, but afterward decreased by degrees. And besides waterfowl, there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides they had about a peck of meal a week per person, and now since harvest, Indian corn in the same amount.”

Bradford – on Free Market Economics



...The experience that was had in this common course and condition, tried several years, and that amongst godly and sober men, may well reveal the vanity of that conceit of Plato and other ancients, applauded by some of later times; -that the taking away of property, and putting in common into a commonwealth, would make them happy and flourishing; as if they were wiser than God.

For this common community (so far as it was) was found to breed much confusion and discontent and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort...

Indians and Providence



- Samoset – Abnaki Indian from Maine
- Patuxet tribe wiped out by plaque in 1617
- Squanto – Patuxet Indian
- Massasoit & peace treaty with Wampanoags

Resources for Further Study



Eyewitness Materials

1. “Of Plymouth Plantation” by William Bradford
(you may want a modern English version)
2. “Mourt’s Relation” attributed to Edward Winslow

Older Books

1. “Sweet Land of Liberty” by Charles Coffin

Internet Sources

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Contrast of Settlements: Jamestown and Plymouth



- 105 people-all men, gentlemen & business men
 - Came to find riches
 - 3 ships sent by King James
 - Trip took 4 mos; arrived Apr
 - King chose the leaders
 - Fought with local Indians
 - Signed the First Charter of Virginia
 - Developed an aristocratic society
- 102 people-families; poor farmers
 - Came to have religious freedom
 - 1 ship hired privately
 - Trip took 9 weeks; arrived Nov
 - People elected their leaders
 - Made friends with local Indians
 - Signed the Mayflower Compact
 - Developed a democratic society