

Mayflower Compact Worksheet

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, **AMEN**. We, whose names are **underwritten**, the Loyal Subjects of our **dread Sovereign** Lord King *James*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, *Defender of the Faith*, &c. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a **Voyage** to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of *Virginia* Do by these Presents, solemnly and **mutually**, in the Presence of God and one another, **covenant** and combine ourselves together into a civil Body of Politick, for our better Ordering and **Preservation**, and Furtherance of the Ends **aforsaid**: And by **Virtue** hereof do **enact, constitute**, and frame, such just and equal Laws, **Ordinances**, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due **Submission** and Obedience,

IN **WITNESS** whereof we have hereunto **subscribed** our names at *Capecod* the eleventh of *November*, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *James* of *England, France, and Ireland*, the eighteenth, and of *Scotland*, the fifty-fourth. **Anno Domini**. 1620.

Vocabulary

Define: *amen, sovereign, dread, underwritten, covenant, mutually, voyage, preservation, aforsaid, virtue, constitute, enact, ordinances, submission, witness, subscribed, Anno Domini, Pilgrim*

Mayflower Compact Questions

1. Why do you think the Mayflower Compact begins with the words "IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN."?
2. Why is King James referred to as "dread Sovereign"?
3. Why would the Mayflower voyagers consider this colony as an "Advancement of the Christian Faith"?
4. When and where was this document signed?
5. What was the purpose of the voyage?
6. Where were they headed?
7. Explain and discuss: "covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body of Politick." What does this mean?
8. What is a Compact?
9. What was the purpose of the Mayflower Compact?

Geography

Locate on a globe, atlas, and/or map England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Cape Cod, the Low Countries, Atlantic Ocean, English Channel, Virginia

Compare/ contrast the weather of the above places with that of your own for one week.

Pick one or two countries listed above and make a meal from that country for your family. Look for music from that country at your local library and play it during the meal.

Activities

1) Finish the limerick ...

The wisest fool in Christendom was known as King James the First,

2) Do a 30 second radio spot (in a tape recorder) encouraging others to take a once in a lifetime opportunity to journey to the New World aboard the *Mayflower*.

3) Do a 30 second television spot (with your family camcorder) encouraging others to take a once in a lifetime opportunity to journey to the New World aboard the *Mayflower*.

4) As a radio/television reporter, interview the pilgrims on board the *Mayflower*. Be sure to ask hard hitting questions like: "Why are you leaving Mother England? What do you eat aboard ship? Where do you go to the bathroom? How do you keep clean?, etc."

5) You have been commissioned by the *Plymouth England Pilgrim Gazette* to write a 300 word story on any one or two of the following subjects:

Leaving Plymouth

Life Aboard the *Mayflower*

Nepotism?: The Familial Relationship between John Alden and the Captain

Leaving the Low Countries

Mayflower Crew Life

Be sure to get your story done before you are scooped by another journalist !

6) Pssssssssssssssttttttt !!! You have been assigned to complete a dossier on any one or two of the following individuals. Keep it short, simple, and to the point.

William Bradford

Prisilla & John Alden

Philip II (Spain)

William the Silent (aka William of Orange)

Miles Standish

Squanto

King James (England)

Elder Brewster

Captian John Smith

Be careful that no one spots you compiling your dossier. Be prepared to brief your commanding officer on your dossier(s) when asked. (Pssssssttttt ... your commander? your parents!)

7) You have been contracted by the *Plymouth England Pilgrim Gazette* to illustrate any of the following:

Leaving England	Leaving the Low Countries
Signing the <i>Mayflower Compact</i>	Baby Oceanus Born !
The <i>Mayflower Diner</i>	Keeping Clean
<i>Mayflower</i> Pilgrim Laughter	Papa & Mama Make Everything Okay

8) To the tune of either *Baa Baa Blacksheep* or the *Tango*, create a song about the conditions and life on board the *Mayflower*.

9) Be a radio or TV reporter and interview ...

the mice on the ship	a crew member
a Pilgrim	an Indian
Miles Standish	Oceanus