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| **NOUNS** | **VERBS** | **ADJECTIVES** | **DATES** |
| Hardships  Settlers  Plymouth  Puritan  Pilgrim Fathers  Mayflower  America  Persecution  Founders  Colony  Ocean  Shipwreck  Barbarians  Wilderness  Beasts  Heavens  Woods  Spirit  God  Grace | To sail  To know | First  American  Religious  Savage  Unknown  Desolate  Wild | 1620 |

Hardships of the first American settlers

Reading the title the intelligent reader expect the text tells about the Pilgrim Fathers’ problems when they arrive in America, after they had left England. The intelligent reader could imagine the problems may be for example the climate, or food. Reading the subheading the reader understands the expectations will probably satisfied because it tells about William Bradford and the Plymouth colony.

The poem tells about the Pilgrims, who arrive in America, but they find a desolate land, in fact they don’t find anyone to welcome them, no houses, no towns to repair. The writer compares Pilgrims’ arrival with and the shipwrecked of the Apostles, so with the Bible. The intelligent reader should understand the writer was a fervent religious man. Also the poet wants to highlight the difficulty of the pilgrims and their dejection, so he underlines they arrive in America during the winter, which in that places is freezing, ugly. He remarks that with the words “to be sharp and violent”, “subject to cruel and fierce storms”, “dangerous to travel”, so the pilgrims have to stay there and not to go to another places because it is too dangerous. He continue telling the surrounding is adverse to the pilgrims. He uses the words “a hideous and desolate wilderness”, “full of wild beasts and wild men” to underlines the negative situation. Then the writer make another comparison with pilgrims and the Bible, saying they can’t go up to the Pisgah and nothing can make them happy, all is negative. The negative situation continue when arrive the Summer “full of woods and tickets represented a wild and savage hue”. Finally the text ends with the pilgrims who put all their hopes in the Spirit of God and His grace, because in these places there is nothing about the civil words in front of them and the Ocean behind them. The intelligent reader understand the pilgrims are very religious, in fact they trust themselves in God.