

Word Bank English Puritans in America

NOUNS	ADJECTIVES	VERBS
Trone	Anglican	To rule
Parliament	English	To insist
Will	Political	To require
Catholics	Religious	To organise
Puritans	Mercantile	To blow up
Plot		To denounce
Mayflower		To found
Colonisation		
Anglicans		
Struggle		
Salvation		
Predestination		

“Hardships of the First American Settlers” Analysis

Reading the title the reader expects the text tells about the experience of the First American settled in New England, now called USA. In the subtitle there is author's name, who is William Bradford, one of the Pilgrim Fathers who sailed to America on the Mayflower in 1620 to escape from English religious persecution. William and his friends founded Plymouth Colony and he wrote a journal called *History of Plymouth Plantation*, which contains the description of Mayflower voyage, and the history of his colony from 1630 to 1646. The text begins with the description of people in Mayflower. They did not know Americans and their behaviour. Puritans, people who colonised New England, called barbarians, people who lived there. Barbarians did not approve new colonizers. When puritans arrived to New England, it was winter, so they could to find a refuge. They searched an unknown coast to colonize it. They found a desolate wilderness, full of men and beasts. They went on the top of Pisgah, a mountain in Palestine, to view better the wilderness. In summer the landscape was full of woods and thickets and behind them there was the ocean, that represented a barrier from Puritans' past. The text ends with a question about God and his grace.

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Cavaliers	Roundheads
A They liked bright colours	B They wore plain clothes with conservative cut

D They dressed in elegant silks and velvets	C They wore their hair short
E They had long hair	F They neither wore ornaments nor used perfume
G They liked lace and scented their hair	