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Massachusetts Bay Colony Beginnings



The _____ Bay Colony was a significant part of the Puritan Movement in England. In the early 1600s, many Puritans faced religious _____ in their homeland. Seeking a place where they could practice their faith freely, they looked to the New _____. The Massachusetts Bay Colony was founded in 1630 by a group of Puritans led by John _____. They established the colony with a vision of creating a "city upon a hill" that would serve as a moral example to the _____.

Life in the Massachusetts Bay Colony was deeply influenced by Puritan beliefs. The _____ emphasized hard work, piety, and education. They believed that every individual should be able to read the _____, leading to the establishment of schools. Harvard College, founded in 1636, is a notable example of their commitment to _____.

The colony's government was also shaped by Puritan principles. It was a theocracy where only church _____ could vote or hold office. This ensured that the colony's laws aligned with their religious _____. The Puritans' strict adherence to their beliefs sometimes led to conflicts. For instance, Anne _____ and Roger Williams were both banished from the colony due to their differing religious views.

Despite these _____, the Massachusetts Bay Colony prospered. It became one of the most successful and influential colonies in _____ England. The Puritans' emphasis on community and their work ethic helped the _____ thrive economically and socially. Their legacy includes the strong educational _____ and the town meeting form of local government that continues to influence the _____ States today.

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