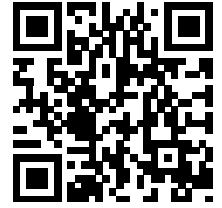


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# Puritan Movement and Religious Persecution



The Puritans were a religious group that emerged in \_\_\_\_\_ in the late 16th century. They believed in strict religious discipline and the simplification of \_\_\_\_\_. The Puritans wanted to purify the Church of England from any traces of \_\_\_\_\_. They faced severe persecution for their \_\_\_\_\_. Many Puritans were fined, imprisoned, or even executed for their refusal to conform to the official \_\_\_\_\_ practices. The harsh treatment they received pushed them to seek a place where they could practice their \_\_\_\_\_ freely.

In the early 17th century, a group of Puritans decided to leave England. They initially moved to the \_\_\_\_\_ but eventually decided to establish a new colony in America. In 1620, the \_\_\_\_\_, carrying 102 passengers, many of whom were Puritans, arrived at Plymouth Rock. The \_\_\_\_\_ was treacherous, and the conditions were harsh, but the Puritans were determined to create a \_\_\_\_\_ based on their religious beliefs. In America, the Puritans established colonies with strict religious guidelines. They believed in hard work, \_\_\_\_\_, and a close-knit community. The Puritans set up schools to ensure everyone could read the \_\_\_\_\_. They also practiced a form of self-governance that influenced the future political landscape of America. Their emphasis on moral \_\_\_\_\_ and community welfare became a significant part of American culture. However, the \_\_\_\_\_ themselves were not tolerant of other religious views. They persecuted those who did not share their strict beliefs. This led to the \_\_\_\_\_ of dissenters and the creation of other colonies with different religious practices. The Puritans' desire to escape \_\_\_\_\_ only to become persecutors themselves is a complex part of their legacy. Despite their \_\_\_\_\_, the Puritans' influence on American society, particularly in education and \_\_\_\_\_, is still evident today.

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