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# Puritans and the Church of England



The Church of England played a significant role in the Puritan Movement. The \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to purify the church from practices they saw as corrupt. They believed the Church of England had too many Catholic \_\_\_\_\_. Puritans desired a simpler and more biblical form of worship. The Church of England, however, was a state church, closely linked to the \_\_\_\_\_. This connection created tension between the Puritans and the church. The Puritans felt that the church was more focused on \_\_\_\_\_ than on true religious practice.

During the reign of Elizabeth I, the Puritans sought reform within the church. They faced opposition from the \_\_\_\_\_ who supported the queen. This conflict led to the rise of Separatists, a group of Puritans who wanted to break away entirely from the \_\_\_\_\_ of England. Separatists believed that only a complete separation would allow them to practice their faith freely. The \_\_\_\_\_ viewed Separatists as a threat to social order. Many Separatists faced persecution and imprisonment.

Under \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Puritans' hopes for reform were dashed. James I supported the bishops and enforced strict religious \_\_\_\_\_. The Puritans faced even greater restrictions. Some Puritans chose to leave England, seeking religious \_\_\_\_\_ elsewhere. The most famous of these were the Pilgrims, who sailed to America on the Mayflower. They established a colony in \_\_\_\_\_, where they could worship freely.

The conflict between the Puritans and the Church of \_\_\_\_\_ continued for many years. It eventually contributed to the English Civil War. The Puritans, led by Oliver \_\_\_\_\_, fought against the king and his supporters. They wanted to establish a republic based on their religious \_\_\_\_\_. Although the Puritans were successful in the war, their strict rule was unpopular. After Cromwell's \_\_\_\_\_, the monarchy and the Church of England were restored.

In summary, the Church of England's role in the Puritan \_\_\_\_\_ was marked by conflict and change. The Puritans' desire for a pure church clashed with the established order, leading to significant historical \_\_\_\_\_.

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