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Reading the Mayflower Compact

These questions are about the Mayflower Compact. To find the answers, look at the numbers at the end of the question. Then look at you copy of the document. Find the sentences with those numbers.

1. The Pilgrims came to America from England.
2. Who was the king then? (1-3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What three nations did that kind rule? (1-3)

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1. The Pilgrims came to the New World for religious reasons. Underline the words that say that. {4-6} Then in your own words, tell what those reasons were.

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1. The Pilgrims landed in what is now Massachusetts. But that’s not where they were supposed to go. Where were they supposed to land? {4}

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1. The Pilgrims promise to work together to set up a government. Everyone who signs the Mayflower Compact will help decide what laws to have. They will also choose their own leaders. What words do they use to describe their plan? {10-14} Underline those words on your copy of the Mayflower Compact.

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1. In the last four lines, the Pilgrims tell where and when they signed the Compact.
2. At what place did they sign the Compact. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. On what day, month, and year did they sign it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The Pilgrims’ new home was thousands miles from England. Why do you think they wrote the Mayflower Compact? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Read through the names of the Pilgrims who signed the Compact. *Not one woman* signed the document. But there were women among the Pilgrims. Why do you think no women signed the Compact?

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For your Information

The Pilgrims set up an assembly call the General Court to make laws for Plymouth Colony. In the General Court, decisions were made by *majority rules.* This was the first use of majority rule in America. Find out what majority rule is. Then, some groups in your school, community, and the country that make decisions using majority rule.