

REGIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEW ENGLAND COLONIES

RELIGION	ECONOMY	WAY-OF-LIFE
<p>Plymouth was Separatist Colony ("Pilgrims")</p> <p>MBC - Puritans "Purify C. of Eng" "Covenant w/God"</p> <p>Puritans moved to NE in great #s prior to Eng. Civil War for their religious freedom (Great Migration)</p> <p>Church Courts (Salem Witchcraft trials)</p> <p>Intolerant of other religions, except RI</p>	<p>Economy based on small farms (Subsistence)</p> <p>Not a good agricultural region (Poor climate & soils)</p> <p>Large qty.'s of forest = lots of timber / lumber</p> <p>Trade (Triangular Trade), shipping, ship building, fishing, beginnings of manufacturing.</p> <p>This type of economy DID NOT require the use of slave labor.</p>	<p>Protestant Work Ethic</p> <p>At first General Court (Church) enacted "Blue Laws" about personal behavior.</p> <p><i>Dominion of NE</i> (Gov. Andros) attempted to unite all NE colonies under one rule.</p> <p>This failed (Colonial response to Glorious Rev.)</p> <p>(Even though Protestant rule returned to Eng., the K & Q did not approve of colonial actions, so...)</p> <p>NE colonies became Royal colonies = Royal Gov. + two house legislature</p>