

Mayflower Compact Close Reading

"We...having undertaken...a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia....do solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and of one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation."

Undertaken – done

Solemnly –seriously

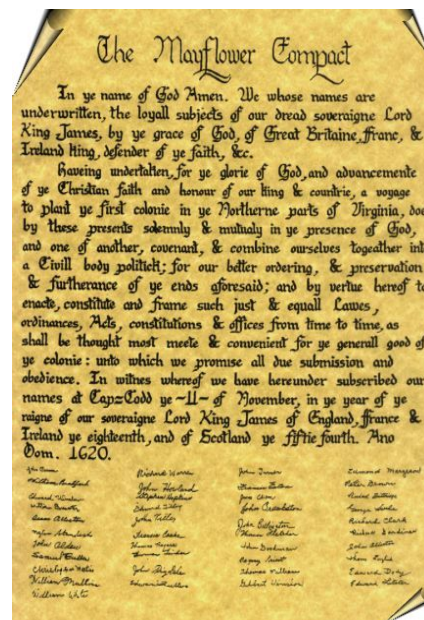
Mutually - we all do it together

covenant – promise

civil body politic - a civic group that works together

ordering –organization

preservation -survival



1. What experience did they all share. Cite evidence from the text.
2. What was the agreement?
3. Who is the "we"?
4. Why is this document important?
5. Why is it important to have rules and government?