

## The Mayflower Compact by William Bradford November 11, 1620

*The Mayflower Compact was drawn up on the Mayflower, under these circumstances as described by Gov. William Bradford: "This day, before we came to harbour, observing some not well affected to unity and concord, but gave some appearance of faction, it was thought good there should be an association and agreement, that we should combine together in one body, and to submit to such government and governors as we should by common consent agree to make and choose, and set our hands to this that follows, word for word. . ."*

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In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc., having undertaken, for the glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and Honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; And by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape-Cod the eleventh of November, in the year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domine 1620.

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Note: Bradford never listed the names of the signers. The list comes from Nathaniel Morton in *New Englands Memoriall*, and although many have speculated, it is unknown what source provided his accounting for the names and their sequence. According to Bradford we only know that it was signed by all free adult males and some, not all servants.

\*Signers names on next page

SIGNERS OF THE MAYFLOW COMPACT

John Carver	Richard Warren	John Turner	Edmon Margeson
William Bradford	John Howland	Francis Eaton	Peter Brown
Edward Winslow	Stephen Hopkins	James Chilton	Richard Britteridge
William Brewster	Edward Tilly	John Crackston	George Soule
Isaac Allerton	John Tilly	John Billington	Richard Clarke
Myles Standish	Francis Cooke	Moses Fletcher	Richard Gardiner
John Alden	Thomas Rogers	John Goodman	John Allerton
Samuel Fuller	Thomas Tinker	Degory Priest	Thomas English
Christopher Martin	John Rigdale	Thomas Williams	Edward Doty
William Mullins	Edward Fuller	Gilbert Winslow	Edward Leister
William White			

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