**America Will Be: Chapter 6-Lesson 3: English Settlement in New England STUDY GUIDE**

**Vocabulary**

common good- good of the community as a whole

constitutional government- a government in which the powers of the ruler or rulers are limited by a constitution

Separatist- a person belonging to a Protestant church that had left the Church of England

civic virtue- putting the common good above individual rights

constitution- a set of rules and laws that tells how a government is organized and run

Puritan -a member of a Protestant group in England

Pilgrim -one of the English Puritans who founded the colony of Plymouth in New England

consent of the governed -people agree to obey the laws and the government they created

**Why the Pilgrims Came**

* Some English people wanted to purify the Church of England.
* Puritans wanted to purify the church of all reminders of Catholic services.
* Separatists were Puritans who form separate churches.
* William Bradford’s followers knew they were pilgrims, or people on a holy journey. This group of Separatists became known as Pilgrims.
* Virginia Company gave permission for the Pilgrims to settle in Virginia in 1619.

**The Pilgrim Experience**

* Pilgrims never made it to Virginia due to strong ocean storms. The *Mayflower* landed in Plymouth Bay Colony, after sailing off course. Where they landed it was hundreds of miles north of Virginia, too far to try and make it there.
* The men left the ship to look for a place to settle and found clear, fresh drinking water in Plymouth Bay Colony (Cape Cod, Massachusetts).
* The Pilgrims had a difficult time surviving their first winter due to the weather and low supplies.
* Squanto taught the Pilgrims the best places to hunt and fish. He taught them to plant corn by putting a fish in each hill of seeds as fertilizer/good fortune.

**The Founding of Massachusetts Bay**

* Puritans were threatened to be put in prison by King Charles I.
* Puritan farmers and shopkeepers were losing money before they moved.
* Puritans built their own churches and ran business that would make money in Massachusetts Bay Colony.

**New England Colonies 1620-1640:**

Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth, Rhode Island, Connecticut

\*Need to remember facts about Jamestown and why the English established this settlement (from last week’s readings).