

Scarlet Letter

Chapters 7-11

Puritanism in New England

- Cape Cod
- November 1620
- Mayflower
- William Bradford
- Half of 100 colonists dead within months
- John Smith, Jamestown Virginia
 - 1st Settlement



Puritanism in New England

- Reformation as a victory of true Christianity over Roman Catholicism
- Universe was God-centered
- Humans inherently sinful and corrupt
- Humans rescued from damnation only by arbitrary divine grace
- Humans bound to do God's will
- Study Bible and look for divinity in world









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