

# The Mayflower Compact: Would You Sign?

*Having undertaken, for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith and Honour 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 11th 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 Domini 1620.*



When we took this voyage to the New World, we wanted to make a colony that would advance the good reputation of the country and government we came from.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not?



In coming here, we also want to deepen and spread our Christian faith.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not?



Since we are so far away from our regular government, we need to organize one together here, or we could die.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not?



We won't have a king here. Instead, we are a "civil body politic"—a group of people who will agree to make constitutions, laws, and leadership jobs when we decide together that we need them.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not?



Once we make these laws, we promise to obey them.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not?