Background: The Pilgrims left England on a ship called the Mayflower. The ship carried 102 men, women, children   
 and their belongings, including small animals to the new world. They sailed towards the Virginia Colony, expecting to start a new life there. Instead, after 66 days at sea, they landed farther north in New England and decided to stay there.

The Mayflower Compact

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 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 in 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

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| Miles Standish | John Rigdale | Richard Bitteridge |
| John Alden | Edward Fuller | George Soule |
| Samuel Fuller | John Turner | Richard Clark |
| Christopher Martin | Francis Eaton | Richard Gardiner |
| William Mullins | James Chilton | John Allerton |
| William White | John Craxton | Thomas English |
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| John Howland | Moses Fletcher | Edward Leister |
| Stephen Hopkins | John Goodman |  |

**Source:** <http://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/homework-help/mayflower-and-mayflower-compact>

**Vocabulary: *Dread:*** highly respected  
 ***Sovereign:*** a supreme ruler  
 ***Covenant:*** a formal agreement made by God and a religious community  
 ***Civil Body Politic:*** a group of citizens acting together as a law making group  
 ***Constitute:*** to establish  
 ***Anno Domini:*** in the year of



1. When and where was this document created? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. The word *virtue* on line 7 has many meanings. What is meaning of the word in this context?  
 a. faith b. consideration  
 c. honor d. credit

3. Who does the *We* refer to on line 2? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4 What do we learn about the relationship between the king and his subjects? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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5. The word *enact* on line 8 has multiple meanings. What is the meaning of the word in this context?  
 a. to perform b. to act out on a stage  
 c. to put into practice d. to create

6. What type of language was used to write this document? In other words, what style was used? Give 3   
 examples from the text to support your answer. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. What is the reason the Pilgrims created this document? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What did the Pilgrims agree to do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What is the Mayflower Compact? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. Go back and reread the *Background Information* and look at the signers of the document. Make and write  
 a claim about the signers of the Mayflower Compact. \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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11. What differences do you notice between the document and the painting?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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