Puritans



In the 16th and 17th century many people were seeking "purity" from religious control in England. These people were known as puritans or separatists because they left England to separate themselves from the Church of England which was under control of King James I. Most of the Puritans who left England to come to the New World settled in The New England states located on the Northern east coast of the United States. Between 1630 and 1640 0ver 13,000 men, women, and children sailed to Massachusetts.

The Puritans had a good family life in the New World. Many children were being born which increased the population and everything was the way they thought it would be. Social order in the colony lay in the authority of husband over wife, parents over children, and masters over servants in the family. In their homes and in local churches they practiced their religious beliefs and also taught it to their children and the Native Americans who were there when they arrived. They taught that each person should be continually reformed by the grace of God to fight against sin and do what is right before God. Puritan culture emphasized the need for self examination and the strict accounting for ones feelings as well as ones deeds.

True of False: If false give the answer that makes it correct.

1. In the 16th and 17th century many people were seeking purity from religious control in England _____

2. People seeking purity from the church was known as Indians._____

3. The New England states are located on the South western coast of the United States. _____

4. The birth of children in the New World increased the population a great deal. _____

5. The Puritans did not teach their beliefs to the Native Americans._____

6. Puritan culture emphasized the need for self examination._____

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