

# THE PURITANS AND THE NEW WORLD





**The Puritans disagreed with many practices of the Church of England (the *only* church available to the citizens of England)**

**They sought to “purify” the church**

**Many of them were imprisoned and some were killed for their beliefs**





**To escape persecution the Puritans became Pilgrims, people who go on a journey for a religious purpose.**

**They came to the New World to start new civilizations.**

**Their goal was to create a better society—one based on Biblical principles.**



**“We shall be as a city  
on a hill...The eyes of  
all people are upon  
us.”**

**– John Winthrop –**

**“Ye are the light of  
the world. A city that  
is set on an hill cannot  
be hid.”**

**– Matthew 5:14 –**



# AMERICA

A SHINING CITY UPON A HILL

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# PURITAN INFLUENCES ON AMERICA

- **Education:** Every child should be educated and able to read the Bible on his or her own.
- **Family:** The family is what holds society together.
- **Morality:** People should adhere to a strict code of morality.
- **Exceptionalism:** The Puritan colonies in the New World should be examples of societies based on Biblical principles.
- **Freedom of Religion:** Every person should be able to worship as they deem fit.