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# NEW ENGLAND STUDY GUIDE

1. Who were the Pilgrims? English people that wanted to separate from the Church of England.  
They came to start a colony that would allow them to practice their religion and keep their  
English heritage.  
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2. What document did the Pilgrims sign when they got to the Plymouth, what did it say and why was it so important? The Mayflower Compact was written and signed before the Pilgrims got off the boat in Massachusetts Bay. This was an important document, because they were agreeing on the laws that they would follow.  
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3. 100 Pilgrims arrived in Massachusetts Bay in November of 1620. This was not the best time of year to start a colony. What happened in the first year? Half of the 100 Pilgrim died the first winter, because they were not prepared for the conditions in New England. They wanted to go to Virginia, but were blown off course.  
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4. Who were the Puritans? They were people from England that wanted to practice a "purer" version of the Church of England. In order to have this religious freedom, they had to leave England and go to New England.  
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5. What is the soil like in New England and why? The soil is rocky, because glaciers removed the top soil.  
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6. Why were harbors so important to the development of cities? Cities developed around areas that had harbors, because ships could dock to unload and load cargo.  
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7. Where did most of the early settlers live and why? Most early settlements were located along the coastline or waterways. This gave them easy access to move goods and themselves.

8. During colonial times, most clothes were made by hand. Samuel Slater built what that changed that? He built a textile mill along a river that used a water wheel to power his machines.

9. Why was whaling such an important industry in New England? People in the Colonies and Europe needed oil made from whales for their lamps. This industry made lots of money and whaling towns (harbors that whale ships sailed from) became some of the wealthiest cities.

10. Many New England villages have houses, shops, a church and other buildings built around an empty field. What is that field called? It is called a Common.

11. Why are town meetings important in many New England villages? Town meetings are a way for the citizens to vote on how the town will run.

12. From your notes, what are three ways that people in New England use the land?

- Farming
- Stone Quarries
- Logging

13. You should be able to name the states and capitals of New England.

- Maine - Augusta
- New Hampshire - Concord
- Vermont - Montpelier
- Massachusetts - Boston
- Connecticut - Hartford
- Rhode Island - Providence