

## A STORM OF WITCHCRAFT (extract)

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Puritans were persecuted by King James I & King Charles I, and thought that there was corruption in the Church of England (Anglicanism).

Puritans wanted to set an example (= donner l'exemple) for the whole world.

The founders of Massachusetts were part of what some have called the "Puritan diaspora," a substantial migration out of England between 1620 and 1640 of Puritans who fled the growing oppression of King James I and his successor, Charles I, and what they saw as the corruption of the Church of England. In his famous sermon "A Model of Christian Charity," Governor John Winthrop had proclaimed "that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us." Massachusetts would be a shining example of what the world should and could be, once everyone had adopted the Puritan faith. The new colony was to be a place where the Puritans could worship in peace and build their "Bible commonwealth." Winthrop noted that the people of Massachusetts Bay had entered into a covenant with God. In return for this special relationship, the Puritans would make extraordinary efforts to demonstrate their religious zeal and purity. (...)

Massachusetts:  
→ used to be one of the first 13 colonies. It belongs to a region called "New England". Its name is derived from the Native American word meaning "near the great hill."  
It is now a state (capital city: Boston)

They believed they were a people chosen by God.

Henry VIII (the eighth) broke with Rome, the Pope and Catholicism. He reformed the church and became the head of the (protestant) Anglican Church.

But the Puritans England today thought it was not enough.

The Puritan movement began in England in the latter part of the sixteenth century. Its adherents believed that the creation of the Church of England (or Anglican Church) by Henry VIII had not been a strong enough reform of Catholic corruption. Indeed, they viewed the Anglican Church as far too close to the Catholicism it had supposedly replaced. The church was still tainted and full of excess. Inspired by Continental reformers such as John Calvin and Huldrych Zwingli, these "puritans"—a pejorative term used by their detractors—desired a return to what they conceived to be the simplicity and piety of the church at the time of Christ and his apostles. Unfortunately, there was far from universal agreement on what constituted that original austerity, so rather than sharing a unified faith, English Puritans had a range of views on the church and its

montrer du zèle => en faire + que nécessaire

→ teintée de corruption

Catholics ≠ Protestants

- no Pope
- don't believe in the Virgin Mary and the Saints; only God & Jesus.