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Primary Source: The Mayflower Compact: 1620  
Agreement Between the Settlers at New Plymouth: 1620

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, &c.* Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the 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 another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, 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 hereunto subscribed our names at *Cape-Cod* the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *James*, of *England, France, and Ireland*, the eighteenth, and of *Scotland* the fifty-fourth, *Anno Domini*; 1620.

Questions:

1- In your own words, state what the settlers at New Plymouth were establishing?

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2- Why were the settlers at New Plymouth establishing this?

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3- Why is the Mayflower Compact a significant advancement in the evolution of representative government?

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4- How does representative government differ from other forms of government?

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1. The Magna Carta and the English Bill of Rights were significant influences on United States constitutional development because
  - a) they provided suffrage for all men and women
  - b) they placed limits on the powers of the government
  - c) called for the abolition of slavery
  - d) supported the development of federalism
  
2. In colonial America, the House of Burgesses, the Mayflower Compact, and town hall meetings were all developments that led to the
  - a) regulation of trade with Native American Indians
  - b) protection of the rights of women
  - c) elimination of the power of the upper classes
  - d) creation of representative government
  
3. The Mayflower Compact is considered an important step in the development of American democracy because it
  - a) established the principle of separation of church and state
  - b) provided a basis for self-government in the Plymouth Colony
  - c) defined relations with local Native American Indians
  - d) outlawed slavery in the Massachusetts Bay Colony
  
4. The Mayflower Compact and the Virginia House of Burgesses are most closely associated with
  - a) abuses by absolute monarchs
  - b) religious toleration
  - c) steps toward colonial self-government
  - d) universal suffrage
  
5. Which heading best completes the partial outline below?
  - I. \_\_\_\_\_
  - II. Mayflower Compact
  - III. House of Burgesses
  - IV. New England town meetings
  - a) Attempts to Overthrow British Rule
  - b) Development of Self-Government in the American Colonies
  - c) Establishment of British Parliamentary Control Over the Colonies
  - d) Social Reform Movements in the American Colonies
  
6. Which heading best completes the partial outline below?
  - I. \_\_\_\_\_
  - II. Magna Carta
  - III. House of Burgesses
  - IV. Town meetings
  - V. John Locke
  - a) Ideas of Social Darwinism
  - b) Basis of British Mercantilism
  - c) Contributions to American Literature
  - d) Influences on United States Constitutional Government
  
7. The Mayflower Compact, New England town meetings, and the Virginia House of Burgesses are examples of
  - a) early colonial efforts in self-government
  - b) colonial protests against British taxation
  - c) governments imposed by Parliament
  - d) attempts to limit democracy