

The American Puritan

Pre-reading ideas and Post-reading thoughts

DIRECTIONS:

1. Read each statement about the Puritans and determine if the statement is TRUE or FALSE based on what you currently know or believe regarding the Puritans. In the column marked “Pre-Reading”, write a T if you believe the statement is TRUE and an F if you believe it is FALSE.
2. Read the article, “The American Puritans.” Then determine if each statement is TRUE or FALSE according to the information presented in the article. This answer may be different than what you thought prior to reading. This is alright. In the column marked “Post-Reading” write a T or F for each statement.
3. On a blank sheet of the paper, number 1-11 and **prove**, by citing specific information from the text, **WHY** each statement is either true or false. You will work with a partner to complete this portion of the activity.

	PRE-READING	POST-READING
1. Some ideas and beliefs started by the Puritans are still practiced in the United States in modern times (today).	_____	_____
2. Puritans believed that all humans were sinners in the eyes of God.	_____	_____
3. Puritans believed that enjoying oneself was bad because it distracted a person from focusing on God.	_____	_____
4. Puritans blamed all disasters on the bad deeds committed by Individuals within the community.	_____	_____
5. The Puritans felt it was wrong to spy on their neighbors.	_____	_____
6. Predestination means that God already knows who will and who will not reach heaven. People cannot change their fate.	_____	_____
7. There are no obvious or outward signs that a person will go to heaven.	_____	_____
8. Puritans believed they did not need to work hard since God had already determined who would or would not go to heaven.	_____	_____
9. A theocracy is a type of government that allows everyone to be involved in making the laws for the community.	_____	_____
10. Puritans valued education because everyone needed to be able to read the Bible.	_____	_____
11. The Puritans believed in treating everyone equally since all humans are considered equal in the eyes of God.	_____	_____

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