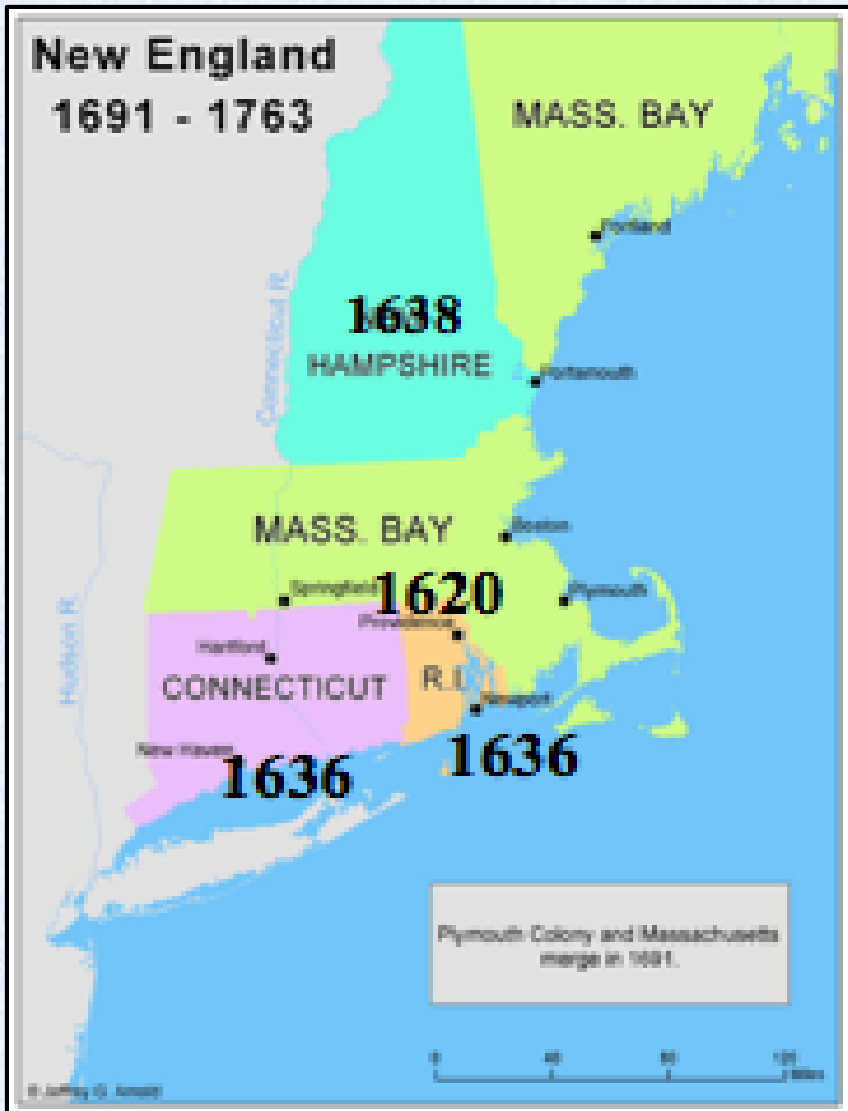


The New England Colonies

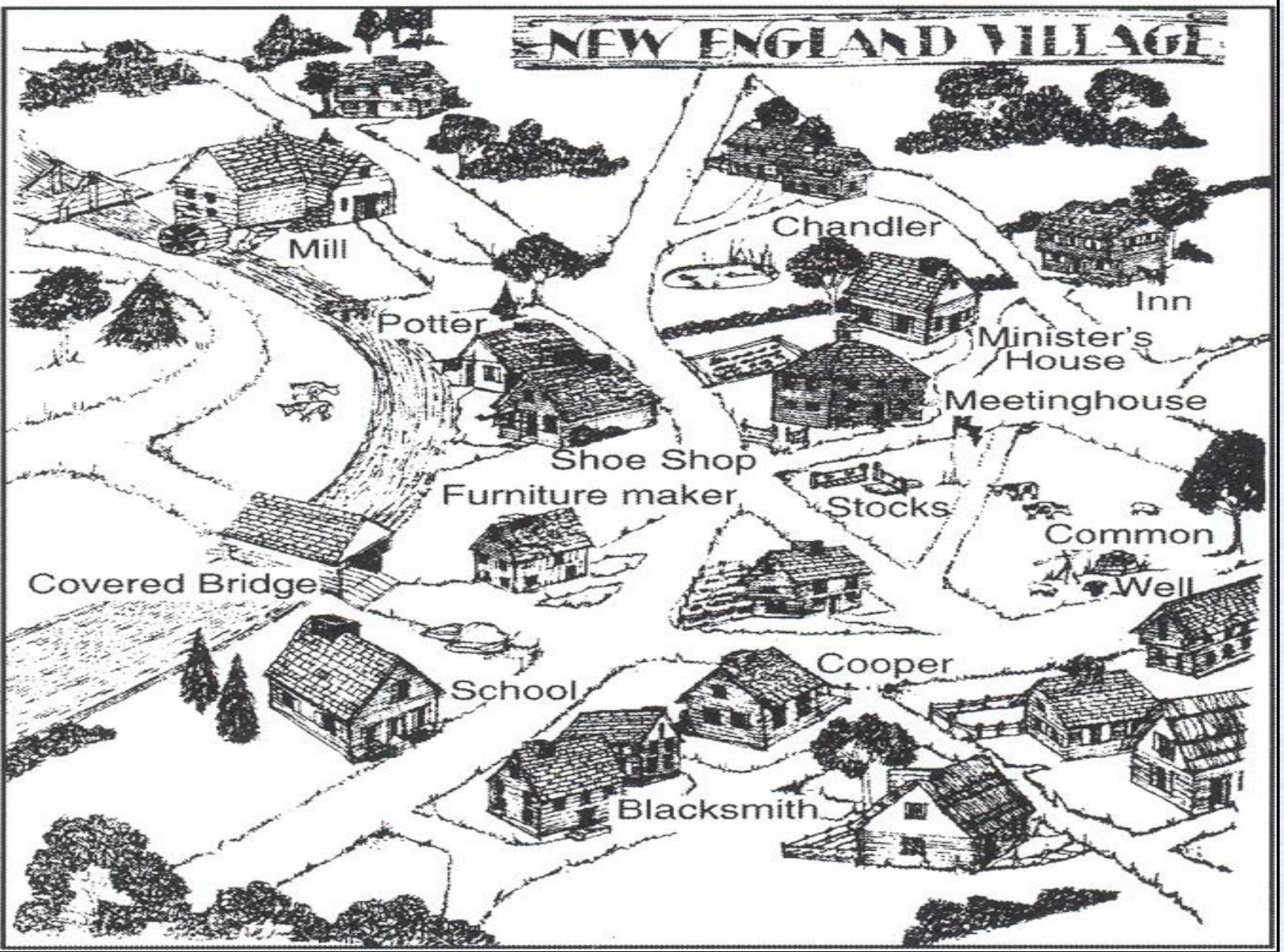




The four New England colonies are:

1. Massachusetts
2. New Hampshire
3. Connecticut
4. Rhode Island

NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE



Mill

Potter

Chandler

Inn

Minister's House

Meetinghouse

Shoe Shop

Furniture maker

Stocks

Common

Well

Covered Bridge

School

Cooper

Blacksmith

Trades/professions of people in a New England village:

1. Blacksmith (works with metal)
2. Teacher
3. Carpenter
4. Potter
5. Chandler

New England Colonial Government

The *Mayflower Compact*, signed by 41 English colonists on the ship *Mayflower* on November 11, 1620.



It was the first written framework of government established in what is now the United States. The compact was written in the hopes that the pilgrims would pledge to work together for the success of the settlement.



The Mayflower Compact may have served as inspiration for the creation of a meetinghouse in the center of each New England town. The *meetinghouse* was a place where religious services and town political meetings were held. At town meetings, settlers discussed and voted on many issues.

Geography & Climate

The New England region was a difficult land for colonists. The rocky soil was poor for farming. Situated on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean, the colonists were subjected to long winters and short growing seasons.

They did however, have lots of good, natural harbors which encouraged trading. There were also plentiful forests full of riches like animals to hunt and trees that could be cut down and sent to sawmills.

Religion

The Pilgrims originally left England and settled in Plymouth for religious freedom.

However, as Plymouth blossomed and became the Massachusetts colony, the settlers were not **tolerant** of other religions.

John Winthrop, who was a Puritan leader and founder of the Massachusetts colony, described their settlement as a “city upon a hill.” He set up a strict moral code at the settlement stating “the eyes of the world are upon us.”



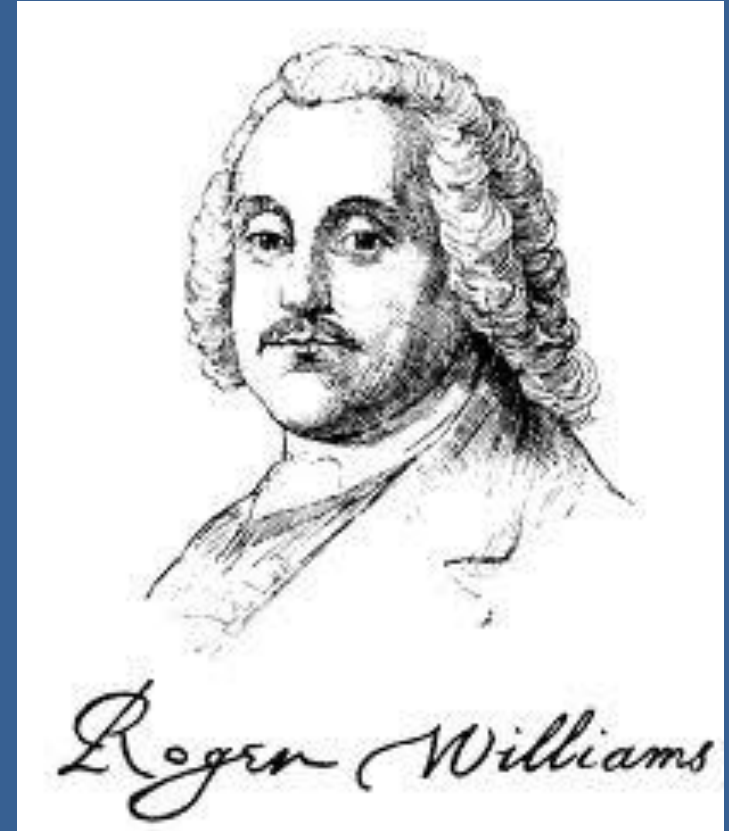


Winthrop and other Puritan leaders did not like anyone to question their religious beliefs or the way the colony was governed. Usually, colonists who were unhappy were forced to leave.



Some colonists who left Massachusetts founded other colonies in New England.

Roger Williams left Massachusetts and created the colony of Rhode Island because he believed the Puritan Church had become too powerful.



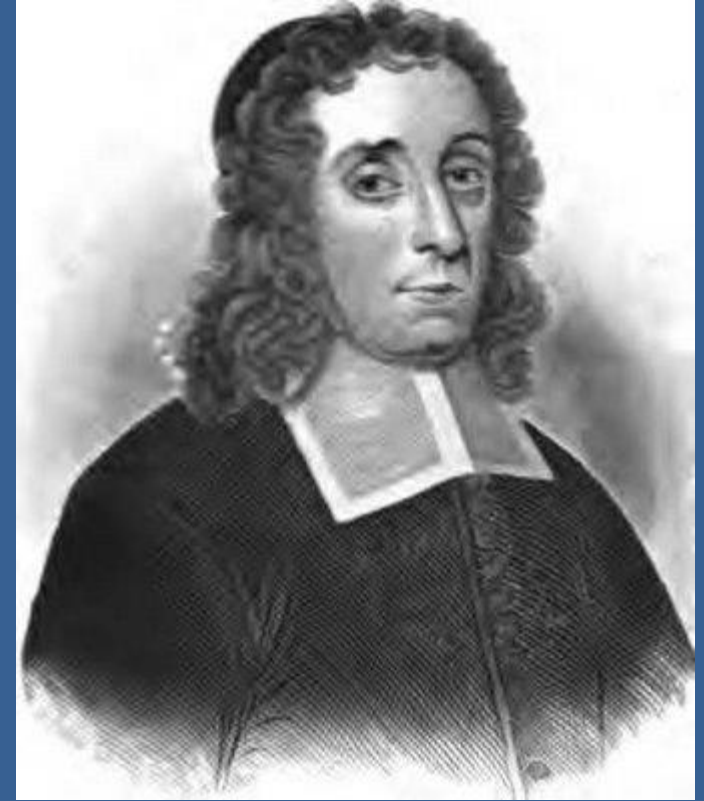
Anne Hutchinson, who had been persecuted in Massachusetts for publicly voicing her opinion about the church, also fled to Rhode Island.

Hutchinson and others believed in toleration.

Toleration is allowing others to practice their religion freely.



Another settler, Thomas Hooker, left Massachusetts because he believed the governor and other officials had too much power. He set up the colony of Connecticut and created a government with strict limits placed on those in power.



Conclusion:

What would your life have been like if you lived in one of the New England colonies in the 1600s?

Based on the notes and readings we completed in class, write a diary entry describing what life would have been like living in the New England colonies.

Please include the following requirements:

- Minimum of *6 sentences* (topic sentence, four detailed sentences, closing sentence)
- Include the colony you lived in (Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire)
- Describe the geography and climate of where you live and what you do for a living (hint: check out notes on the New England economy)
- Be creative, but historically accurate and appropriate as well. This assignment will be collected and graded. Good luck!