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## 1 | first note back. let's make it work.

### so, pilgrims.

- puritans idea of american paradise as the fulfillment of the scripture prophecy
- arrived in first half of 17th century
- they created the story of america which had the utopian vision based on theology
- considered the 'first americans'
  - later became the full-fledged notion of american exceptionalism
  - contrasted to virginia, who were seen as adventurers
    - virginians came for material gain whereas puritans came for spiritual reasons
    - religious refugees from england
- though of as morally superior
- despite dissenting from the church of england they denied those who did not conform to their own doctrines the same freedoms

### 1.0.1 | Who were the puritans?

two groups of english dissenters based on religion inspired by the protestant [\[\[KBHIST201CounterReformation\]\]](#) and calvinism

**\*\*calvinism\*\***

Calvinism (also called the **\*\*Reformed tradition\*\*** or Reformed Protestantism) is a major branch of Protestantism.

considered america their promised land

**Pilgrims and Puritans are generally used synonymously** demonstrates the similarities between the two groups

### The difference

- **pilgrims**
  - reached america in 1620 on the mayflower
  - granted land and support from the virginia company, but they missed virginia!
    - could have been purposeful
  - founded plymouth
  - created a 2.5k com focus life in a few years
  - not a lot of historians
- **Puritans**
  - term was originally derogatory
  - arrived in 1630 on the arbella and such
  - granted right to settle by Charles I
  - founded boston!
  - lotta historians
- formed distinct communities but interacted
- merged into Massachusetts bay in 1691

## 1.0.2 | The myth

like the jews escaping from egypt generalization: humans suffering under slavery, god has sympathy, divine providence, journey and promised land, god given entitlement

**\*\*prov·i·dence\*\***

/ prävədəns/

noun

1. the protective care of God or of nature as a spiritual power.

\*"they found their trust in divine providence to be a source of comfort"\*

also constitutes a foundation myth of the US

"the myths that made america"

what it's really about, not the pilgrims and puritans.

america has been imagined in Europe as a utopia since the renaissance? thus, obvi place to start a utopian society during the start of the 17th century

the myth has led to idealized accounts of US hist the trope of the promised land has been used as a vehicle for radical cultural dissent

## 1.0.3 | US as utopia

US was thought of as utopian mainly in a religious context switched from finding a utopia to making a utopia yatta yatta, bunch of diff groups

pilgrims and puritans were the most symbolically powerful

oh jeez..

[[KbDPilgrimsPuritans]]