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Name COZ Chapter 15-16

Choose words from the word bank to complete the paragraph. Two words are not used at all.

Word Bank

autocracy aristocracy scold stocks theocracy
~~common~~ ~~democracy~~ ~~blue law~~

Many people believe that the religious Puritans created a theocracy at the Massachusetts Bay Colony. 61

Government in New England was actually a democracy though only male church members could vote. 61

The Massachusetts colony was certainly more democratic than England, which was ruled by the aristocracy. 62

In New England towns, men voted at a meetinghouse which was located at the edge of a common. 63

Puritans passed many laws. Some of these rules banned certain activities on Sundays. If a person broke a blue law, he or she could be locked up in the autocracy. 67

Word Play

The suffix -ocracy means ruled by. Use your text, a dictionary or your laptop to look up the meaning of each word. Then write a brief definition for each of them. 62

democracy A system of government by the whole population
autocracy A system of government by one person with absolute power
theocracy A system of government in which priests rule in the name of God or a god
aristocracy The highest class in certain societies, especially those holding hereditary titles or offices

or all the eligible members of a state, through elected representatives.