

The Mayflower Compact was drawn up on the Mayflower, under these circumstances as described by Gov. William Bradford: "This day, before we came to harbour, observing some not well affected to unity and concord, but gave some appearance of faction, it was thought good there should be an association and agreement, that we should combine together in one body, and to submit to such government and governors as we should by common consent agree to make and choose, and set our hands to this that follows, word for word. ."

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT

by William Bradford
November 11, 1620

In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are under-written, 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, etc.

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor 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 of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, 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 hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod, the eleventh of November [New Style, November 21], in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord, King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.

John Carver	William White	Thomas Rogers	Edmond Margeson
William Bradford	James Chilton	Thomas Tinker	Peter Brown
Edward Winslow	John Craxton	John Rigdale	Richard Bitteridge
William Brewster	John Billington	Edward Fuller	Richard Clark
Isaac Allerton	Richard Warren	John Turner	Richard Gardiner
Miles Standish	John Howland	Francis Eaton	John Allerton
John Alden	Steven Hopkins	Moses Fletcher	Thomas English
Samuel Fuller	Edward Tilly	Digery Priest	Edward Doten
Christopher Martin	John Tilly	Thomas Williams	Edward Liester
William Mullins	Francis Cook	Gilbert Winslow	John Goodman
			George Soule