Episode #006 What was the Mayflower Compact?

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1. When did the Pilgrims arrive in America on the Mayflower?
2. When the Pilgrims originally left England, how many ships did they have?
3. Why was the Speedwell left behind in England?
4. When they Pilgrims found a suitable location they started the colony of
5. Who was John Carver?
6. Who was William Bradford?
7. For how many years was the Plymouth colony governed by the Mayflower Compact?
8. In a social contract, what do people agree to?
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1. **colony** = a place or country under the control of a more powerful government that is far away
2. **Pilgrims** = The group of Christians who traveled to America in 1620 in search of religious freedom; A pilgrim is a religious person who travels a long distance for a religious reason.
3. **Mayflower** = the ship that took the Pilgrims to America in 1620.
4. **Speedwell** = a ship used by the Pilgrims but they left it behind in England
5. **Plymouth** = located in present day Massachusetts, Plymouth was the 2nd English colony in America. It was founded by the Pilgrims.
6. **jurisdiction** = the power of a government in a specific area or the area of the government’s power
7. **social contract** = an agreement by a group of people to create a government and to obey it
8. **rule of law** = the idea that all people, including the leaders, must obey the laws
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Signing the Mayflower Compact 1620, by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris (1899)
Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor by William Halsall (1882)

The Mayflower Compact

Copy made by William Bradford
Journey of the Mayflower

The Plymouth Colony was the 2nd English colony in America.
John Carver
first governor of the Plymouth Colony

William Bradford
second governor of the Plymouth Colony
Mayflower Compact by Percy Moran c.1900