

Standards/Objectives

RL.11-12.9 Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth-, and early twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

Objectives: - Explain the role of religion in early American life.

Directions: You will need to visit http://www.brittenglishzone.com/uploads/6/8/0/9/6809024/women_and_children_first.pdf to complete this assignment. For full credit, answer all questions in complete sentences. Use a separate page of lined paper. Staple both pages together before handing in your work.

Another way to find it is to go to my website (<http://www.brittenglishzone.com/examples-of-puritan-texts.html>) and scroll down to Historical Narrative: "Of Plymouth Plantation". The article you need to read is called "Of Women and Children First".

****Read first!**** --> You may read with a partner or group if you prefer.

"Women and Children First" Questions for Reflection

1. What are your first impressions of the Puritans after reading "Women and Children First"?
(How would you describe their attitudes/character?)
(One paragraph, with a topic sentence)
2. Was the journey to America more dangerous for children or for adults – or was it equally dangerous for both? Support your opinion with details from the text (use evidence!).
(One paragraph, with a topic sentence)
3. How would the Puritans' religious beliefs have made them feel better during the most difficult parts of their journey? Give at least two examples. **(One paragraph, with a topic sentence)**

Show me the...
Evidence

Use the following to provide Evidence for your Reading Responses:

- Because...
- For instance...
- For example...
- The author stated...
- According to the text...
- On page __, it said...
- From the reading, I know that...
- Based on what I read...