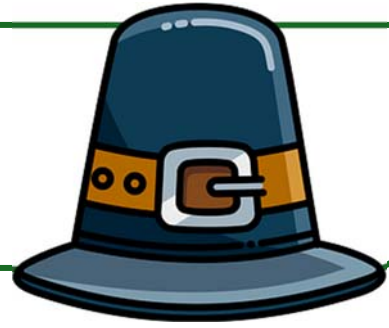


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Colonial Primary Source

Directions: Read the primary source excerpt carefully. Then answer each question using evidence from the text. Keep your answers in complete sentences.



Primary Source Excerpt: *From a letter written by a settler in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1640*

"We labor daily to clear the wild forests and build shelters strong enough for our families. Yet the greatest task is not building homes, but building a community that honors God's will. We must remain united, for if we fall to quarrels or selfish ways, our settlement will not survive in this new land."

Text Analysis Questions

1. What does the author say is the biggest challenge the settlers face?
2. What does this excerpt suggest about the settlers' beliefs or values?
3. Why does the writer mention "quarrels or selfish ways"? What is the concern?
4. How does this source show why people chose to settle in Massachusetts Bay Colony?

Historical Significance: In 3-4 sentences, explain how this excerpt helps us understand life in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Think about **religion**, **daily challenges**, and the need for **community**.

Source Reflection (Opinion): Do you think the author's concerns were reasonable for the time? Why or why not? (2-3 sentences)
