

Three-Part Promise Answer Key

Student answers will vary. A strong response should include:

1. Unity: Pilgrims agreed to stay together and help one another as a community.
2. Faith: They believed their actions honored God and followed their religious beliefs.
3. Governance: They created fair laws and chose leaders to guide the colony.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Summarizing historical information into clear, topic-focused sentences.
- **Instructional Ideas:**
 - Model with a short "think-aloud" showing how to pull main ideas from previous lessons or anchor charts.
 - Encourage strong verbs and clear subject-verb structure.
- **Differentiation:**
 - Offer sentence starters for emerging writers: "The Pilgrims promised to..."
 - Challenge advanced learners to combine all three ideas into one strong paragraph after completing the activity.
- **Engagement Strategies:**
 - Allow students to share at least one of their sentences with a partner for peer feedback.
 - Create a class "Compact Board" where selected sentences are posted as community rules.
- **Extension:** Students compare the Pilgrims' promises with rules or agreements used in their own school or community today.