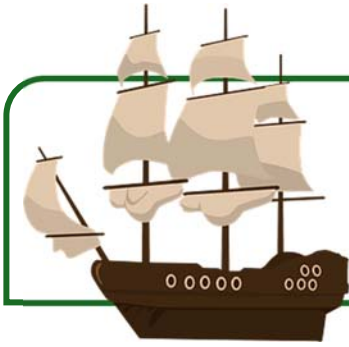


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Compact Concepts

Directions: Read the passage. Then choose the BEST main idea from the options below.

In 1620, the Pilgrims sailed to America on the Mayflower. When they arrived, they were far from the place they planned to live. They needed a way to stay organized and make decisions together. The Pilgrims wrote the Mayflower Compact, a short document that promised fair laws and leadership chosen by the people. It helped the Pilgrims work together as they started their new colony.

What is the MAIN IDEA of the passage?

Circle the best answer.

- A. The Pilgrims wanted to explore new oceans and build ships.
- B. The Mayflower Compact helped the Pilgrims create fair rules and work together.
- C. The Pilgrims liked to write many long documents before starting a colony.
- D. The Pilgrims were unhappy about the weather when they arrived in America.

Bonus Thinking Question

Why do you think the Pilgrims needed rules before they began building their homes? Write 2-3 sentences:
