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Mayflower Compact

Read the text below. As you read, highlight evidence of the following three democratic ideas. Number the highlighted text using the corresponding number of the democratic idea that it demonstrates.

1. Social contract
2. Rules for self-government
3. Equal laws for all people

Note: You can also annotate this passage for the following:

- Use a “?” to indicate things you have a question about
- Use a “!” to indicate things you find surprising or interesting

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In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are under-written, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod, the eleventh of November [New Style, November 21], in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord, King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.¹

¹ Mayflower Compact. *Pilgrim Hall Museum*. Accessed January 11, 2016.
http://www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org/mayflower_compact_text.htm