

## The Puritans - Study Guide

1. The Puritan way of life was based on which major ideas?
2. Upon whose teachings is Puritanism based?
3. What are the important Puritan virtues?
4. Which Puritan belief relates to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century American concept of “Manifest Destiny”?
5. By 1725, why was Puritanism as an institutionalized religion collapsing?
6. What was the series of religious revivals, which attempted to bring back Puritanism?
7. Who led the First Great Awakening? What was his most notable sermon?
8. Who is the “first notable American poet”?
9. Which ideas and images dominate the sermon, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”?
10. Arthur Miller’s play, *The Crucible* makes a comparison between which two things?
11. Why are Anne Bradstreet’s poems important early works of American literature?
12. What was the first college in the United States? When was it established?
13. What was the first book published in America?
14. What do Roger Williams, Anne Hutchinson, and Thomas Hooker share in common?

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15. For the following lines written Anne Bradstreet in the poem, "Upon the Burning of Our House"

- A. Identify the rhetorical device used
- B. Explain the device (i.e. if a simile, explain the comparison made)

a. ***"Thou hast an house on high erect/Framed by that mighty Architect."***

DEVICE:

EXPLANATION:

b. ***"I prize thy love more than whole mines of gold/Or all the riches that the East doth hold."***

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EXPLANATION:

c. ***"A price so vast as is unknown/Yet by His gift is made thine own;/There's wealth enough, I need no more...The world no longer let me love,/My hope and treasure lies above."***

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EXPLANATION:

16. For each of the following lines, taken from Jonathan Edwards' sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,"

- A. Identify the rhetorical device being used
- B. Briefly explain the rhetorical device AND the effect of the rhetorical device being used. For example:

1. Metaphor

2. The effect of comparing the experience of taking the SAT exam unprepared to walking barefoot into a dark room with mousetraps on the floor in this metaphor makes the writer's argument stronger because it helps the reader imagine in a tangible way the fear that results from not studying for the exam."

- a. *The bow of God's wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string...*
- b. *"We find it easy to tread on and crush a worm that we see crawling on the earth; so it is easy for us to cut or singe a slender thread that anything hangs by; thus easy is it for God when he pleases to cast his enemies down into hell..."*
- c. *"And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and stands in the door calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners..."*
- d. *"The God that holds you... much as one holds a spider, or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you...his wrath toward you burns like fire..."*
- e. *"I think it is a reasonable thing to fright persons away from hell. They stand upon its brink, and are just ready to fall into it, and are senseless of their danger. Is it not a reasonable thing to fright a person out of a house on fire?"*
- f. *"...it is nothing but the mere pleasure of God... that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood.."*
- g. *"You are ten thousand times more abominable in his eyes, than the most hateful venomous serpent is in ours."*
- h. *"O sinner! Consider the fearful danger you are in: it is a great furnace of wrath, a wide and bottomless pit, full of the fire of wrath, that you are held over in the hand of that God, whose wrath is provoked and incensed as much against you, as against many of the damned in hell."*