

City Upon A Hill

John Winthrop Sermon
Close Reading Instructions

- Site the source:
 - Who wrote the document?
 - What is the authors point of view?
 - Why was it written?
 - When was it written?
 - Is this source believable? Why?
- Read the Sermon “A City Upon A Hill” by John Winthrop.
 - write a 1 or 2 sentence summary of the main point of the Sermon.
- As you read, circle the following words:
 - posterity
 - superfluities
 - meekness
 - liberality
 - whither
 - discourse
 - exhortation
 - ordinance
 - Covenant
 - propounded
- Chose 5 of these words and define them.
- Highlight all words referring to God in the sermon (God, He, His, Him ect.)
- Highlight (in a different color) all words referring to the colonists (we, us, our, ect.)

- In his sermon, what does John Winthrop tell the colonists they must do? Site two examples from the text. (lines 1-9)
- What does Winthrop say the rewards will be if they follow his instructions? Site several examples from the text. (lines 10-15)
- How will others view this colony if they set the proper example? Site at least one example from the text. (lines 15-18)
- According to Winthrop, what will happen if the colony fails to set a good example for others to follow? Site several examples from the text. (lines 19-25)
- How will the colonists know if they were successful in their attempts to create a “City upon a hill”? Site several examples from the text. (lines 30-36)
- Summary question: What did John Winthrop mean when he stated that the colony should be a “city upon a hill”?