

Bostwick's English III
Introduction to the Puritan Period of American Literature

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Answer the questions below by following the hyperlinks found at **bostwickenglish.com** in the post titled BACKSTORY: INTRODUCTION TO THE PURITANS. The questions follow the order of the hyperlinks embedded in the text of the post. For the questions that ask you to write an answer in complete sentences, please use a piece of scratch paper to write a "rough draft" of your answer before writing it down on this guide sheet.

1. Summarize the religious beliefs of the Puritans according to the PBS series *God in America* (hint: **paraphrase** the fourth paragraph of the PBS online article). Use complete sentences.

2. Write a complete sentence correctly using the word **dictatorial**. _____

3. Which definition of the adverb **stifling** applies best to the way the word is used in the post *Backstory: Introduction to the Puritans*? _____

4. Write down the first and seventh definitions for the word **hierarchy**.

5. Write a complete sentence correctly using the word **overtly**. Write your sentence so that someone who does not know the definition of **overtly** could comprehend its meaning from clues in your sentence.

6. Write two complete sentences for the word **dissent**. Write one sentence in which you use **dissent** as a verb and one using the word as a noun.

Dissent as a verb: _____

Dissent as a noun: _____

7. List a couple of examples of the ways in which Puritan society was **androcentric**.

8. Write down one of the Puritan laws or rules you found to be particularly **draconian**.

9. Write one complete sentence using the word **steeped** as it is used in the post *Backstory: Introduction to the Puritans*.

10. What influences one's **worldview**? _____
