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Natives vs. Colonists Essay

**Directions**: Write a one page essay that defends one of the following statements:

1. I think the colonists had every right to come to the New World and take over because…
   1. Reason 1:
   2. Reason 2:
   3. Reason 3:
2. I think the colonists did not have a right to come to the New World and take over because…
   1. Reason 1:
   2. Reason 2:
   3. Reason 3:

Use evidence from *After the Mayflower* and the readings that we have completed in class to defend your statement.

Organize your essay in the following way:

Introduction:

* Explain the situation in 2 sentences
* Thesis

Conclusion:

Summarize your paper

Restate your thesis

Body Paragraph 3:

* Defend reason 3
* Use evidence from the documentary and our readings to support yourself

Body Paragraph 2:

* Defend reason 2
* Use evidence from the documentary and our readings to support yourself

Body Paragraph 1:

* Defend reason 1
* Use evidence from the documentary and our readings to support yourself

Rubric

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