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**William Bradford and John Smith—Two Accounts of Early America**

**Directions:** Read each passage and answer the questions below. Turn this in when you are finished.

**William Bradford’s “Of Plymouth Plantation”**

**William Bradford (1590-1697)**

* Settler from England
* Governor of Plymouth Colony for 30 years
* Extremely religious
* One of the pilgrims on the Mayflower; helped draft the Mayflower Compact, which emphasized the importance of everyone working together for the good of the group
* Wrote *Of Plymouth Plantation* about the pilgrims’ voyage to American and their experiences once they arrived

1. Where did the pilgrims land when they arrived in America?

2. What was the first thing they did when they arrived?

3. TRUE or FALSE: The pilgrims had a place to stay when they arrived in America.

How do you know this?

4. What term(s) does Bradford use to describe the Native Americans?

5. How did the Native Americans react to these new pilgrims at first?

6. In “The Starving Time” section, how many people died out of the 100 or so travelers? What happened to them?

7. Why is Bradford grateful to Mr. William Brewster and Myles Standish?

8. What foods did everyone enjoy at the first Thanksgiving?

9. Logos is facts, statistics, logic, and reasoning. Provide two examples of logos that Bradford provides in this account:

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**John Smith: *A Description of New England***

**John Smith (1580-1631)**

* Settler from England
* Helped govern the Jamestown Colony
* Was captured by a Native American tribe and was allegedly saved from death by the chief’s daughter, Pocahontas (however, there are conflicting stories of this event)
* Returned to England to recover from injuries from a gunpowder explosion and to face allegations of misconduct; wrote *A Description of New England*  while he was there

1. What kind of life can people expect when they come to America? Give at least two examples of some of the benefits people can enjoy.

2. What activities can people both enjoy and earn money from in America, according to Smith?

3. Do you think that John Smith was exaggerating the benefits or was he being truthful? How do you know?

4. Smith was writing to an English audience. What do you think he was trying to accomplish?

5. Pathos is an author’s attempt to appeal to the audience’s emotions. Provide two examples of where John Smith uses pathos.

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