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New England was settled by groups of families who came largely for religious purposes. In Plymouth, for example, all those who settled in the town had to sign a compact that they would live according to established beliefs of the community. The town was the important unit in New England.

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The families were nuclear. A father, a mother, and children. Sometimes there would be grandparents living out here or her older years, but seldom did new people move in with parents.

This is true but has little to do with the generation.

The main purpose of child rearing in a New England home was intensely religious. The father's role was to instruct his family so that they could have the religious experience that put them into the church and assured them they were "elect".

Education was centered in the home, and was often enough to make certain each member could read the bible.

By contrast the South was settled by individuals, adventurers, ^{indentured} servants, younger sons of good families. Jamestown, the earliest settlement in America, was settled in 1607.

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