Activity One for Colonizing the Bay

Activity One: Reasons for the Plantation in New England ca. 1628 with Sample Annotations

1. "It will be a service to the Church of great consequence to carry the Gospel into those parts of the world, to help on the fullness of the coming of the Gentiles, and to raise a bulwark against the kingdom of AnteChrist, which the Jesuits labor to rear up in those parts."

Comment [JH1]: The Puritans are going to New England to do their God's work; in part, they are hoping to stop the spread of Catholicism ("to raise a bulwark against the kingdom of AnteChrist, which the French and Spanish Jesuits labor to rear up in those parts.")

2. "All other Churches of Europe are brought to desolation, and our sins, for which the Lord begins already to frown upon us and to cut us short, do threaten evil times to be coming upon us, and who knows, but that God hath provided this place to be a refuge for many whom he means to save out of the general calamity, and seeing the Church hath no place left to fly into but the wilderness, what better work can there be, than to go and provide tabernacles and food for her when she be restored".

Comment [JH2]: The Churches of Europe are having problems, and even the Puritans are being punished by God; perhaps God has created New England for them as a safe haven, where they should go to help re-build their Church.