



Rules, Rules, and More Rules

Imagine living in a place where strict rules control almost everything you do—how you dress, what you say, how you act, and even what you’re allowed to enjoy. This was everyday life in Puritan Massachusetts, where leaders believed that strong rules and religious expectations were necessary to keep order. People who broke these rules could face harsh punishments or public embarrassment.

Choose a **character from a book, movie, or video game** who was forced to live under **unreasonable rules or unfair expectations** (for example, James in *James and the Giant Peach* or the Baudelaire orphans when they lived with Count Olaf). Write a paragraph explaining the rules the character had to follow, why those rules were unfair, and how the situation is similar to life in Puritan Massachusetts.

Optional sentence starters:

- “A character who lived under unfair rules was...”
- “This situation is similar to Puritan Massachusetts because...”