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"Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor" by William Halsall

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Signing the Mayflower Compact 1620, Jean Leon Gerome Ferris

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"The Embarkation of the Pilgrims" by Robert Walter Weir

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The Landing of the Pilgrims, Henry A. Bacon

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Assertion of Liberty of Conscience by the Independents of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, John Rogers Herbert

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The Arrival of the Pilgrim Fathers, Antonio Gisbert

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