

Born 1612 died 1672

married at 16

left England aboard the Arbella

at 18 and came to
Salem Massachusetts

From "Contemplations"

Anne Bradstreet

8 children

1st writer in England's colonies to be published

1st Female poet to be published in both
England and America

Puritan

Name:

O Time the fatal wrack
of mortal things,
That draws oblivion's
curtains over kings;
Their sumptuous moments
men know them not,
Their names without a record
are forgot
Their parts, their ports, their pomps
all laid in th' dust
Nor wit, nor gold, nor buildings
escape time's rust;
But he whose name is graved
in the white stone
Shall last and shine
when all these are gone.

"Time" is referred to as a person. This is an
example of _____.

"oblivion" means _____.

"sumptuous" means _____.

"pomps" means _____.

The white stone is an _____,
which is a reference to another literary work. In
this case she is referring to the Bible.

Revelations 2:17

He has an ear; let him hear what the Spirit
says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I
will give some of the hidden manna. I will also
give him a white stone with a new name written
on it, known only to him who receives it."

Why would this be important to Anne
Bradstreet?

Here is a poem she wrote about her
husband

"If ever two were one, then surely we.
If ever man were loved by wife, then thee;
If ever wife were happy in a man,
Compare with me, ye women, if ye can."

Her tombstone has the following written on
it:

"Mirror of Her Age, Glory of her Sex, whose
Heaven-born-Soul leaving its earthly Shrine,
chose its native home, and was taken to its
Rest."

Some quotes:

"If we had no Winter, the spring would not
be so pleasant; If we did not sometimes
taste the adversity, prosperity would not
be so welcome."

"If what I do prove well, it won't advance /
They'll say it's stolen, or else by chance."

"Let Greeks be Greeks, and women what
they are."

Puritans ≠ Puritans
↓
separate from Anglican Church entirely
↓
Reform the Anglican Church

She did not share her work at first. One of her closest friends, Anne Hutchinson, spoke her
views publicly and was banished from the community. However, her brother-in-law secretly copied
her work and took it to England and got it published with her permission. The book was titled
"The Tenth Muse."

King Henry VIII - Anglican
Queen Elizabeth I - Puritan
Colonies take shape

Under King James,
the Puritans
emerged with
the intent to
purify the
Anglican Church.
This was illegal.
Some were executed.
Some fled to the
Netherlands where
there was (too much)
religious freedom.
Noting to America
offered the freedom
to worship their
way.