A New England Town: The First Hundred Years

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The colonial New England Town is one of the myths of American history, along with such others as George Washington and the Cherry Tree and The Frontier. They are difficult to shatter, for they perpetuate the popular belief that the nation has always enjoyed universal democracy, honesty, and opportunity. The New England Town, however, deserves more than a mythical place in American history. In this industrial village society, the unique American experience had its beginnings. In his highly original and controversial study, Professor Lockridge traces the origins of Dedham, Massachusetts, carefully.
During the first phase of the Hundred Years War, the kings of France and England tended to hire lots of mercenaries who were paid by campaign. What is the “American Revolutionary War” called in England? Which were the two sides of the Hundred Years’ War? During the Hundred Years’ War, why did the French rely so heavily on the crossbow rather than adopting the faster-firing longbow as the English did? Why did the English lose the 100 Years’ War despite significant tactical advantages? During the Hundred Years’ War, why did the French rely so heavily on the crossbow rather than adopting the faster-firing longbow as the English did? Why did the engineered
town found by Spanishmen in 1565 be called St. Augustine? Later in 1609 Santa Fe in New Mexico was also established by the Spanishmen. However, the first beginnings of permanent settlement of NA were nearly a hundred years after Columbus’s first voyage. The Englishman Sir Walter Raleigh [roli] named the whole of NA for England and they called this place Virginia in honor of Elizabeth I. The first English colonists were mostly adventurers and impoverished gentlemen incapable of working on the land. That’s why the early colonists in Virginia were complete failures. The first successful