

The Pilgrims and the Mayflower

Week 23 • Wednesday • The Pilgrims Sail to Plymouth

Reading Time

In 1620, a ship called the **Mayflower** sailed from England. On board were about one hundred passengers. Many of them were **Pilgrims** — people who wanted the freedom to worship in their own way.

The voyage took about two months. The ship was crowded, the sea was stormy, and many people felt seasick. At last they saw land and settled a place they called **Plymouth**.

Their first winter was terribly hard. In spring, a Wampanoag man named **Squanto** taught them to plant corn and catch fish. In the fall, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag shared a big feast of thanks — a story we remember at Thanksgiving.

Reading Questions

1. What was the name of the Pilgrims' ship?

2. Why did the Pilgrims leave England?

3. Who taught the Pilgrims to plant corn?

4. What holiday reminds us of the feast the Pilgrims and Wampanoag shared?

Hands-On: Pack for the Mayflower!

You need: a pencil and your imagination.

You are sailing on the Mayflower! Space is very small, so you may only bring five things. There are no stores, no electricity, and the trip takes two months. Choose wisely and explain why you picked each one.

Thing I will bring	Why I need it
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Draw the Voyage

Draw three pictures: the Mayflower leaving England, the stormy ocean trip, and the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth.

Fill in the Blanks

Mayflower Pilgrims Plymouth Squanto corn feast

1. The _____ set sail from England in 1620.

2. The _____ wanted freedom to worship their own way.

3. They settled a place called _____.

4. _____ was a Wampanoag man who helped them.

5. He taught them how to plant _____.

6. In the fall, they shared a big _____ of thanks.

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ The Mayflower sailed in 1620.
- ☐ The voyage took only two days.
- ☐ The Pilgrims wanted freedom to worship.
- ☐ Squanto taught the Pilgrims to plant corn.
- ☐ The first winter at Plymouth was easy.
- ☐ The Pilgrims and Wampanoag shared a feast of thanks.

Review

I learned...	Circle one
Who the Pilgrims were	YES / NOT YET
What the Mayflower voyage was like	YES / NOT YET
How Squanto and the Wampanoag helped	YES / NOT YET