

## PILGRIMS



This is a Pilgrim. The Pilgrims came to America in 1620. That was a very long time ago! The Pilgrims first lived in England. They could not worship the way they wanted to in England. Then they moved to Holland.

Many Pilgrim parents did not want their children to grow up in Holland. They decided to move to America. The Pilgrims sailed to America on a big ship called the Mayflower. It was a very long trip. The Pilgrims arrived in America on November 19, 1620.

### CIRCLE YES OR NO:

1. The Pilgrims wanted to worship as they pleased.

YES NO

2. The Pilgrims lived in England, Holland, and America.

YES NO

3. The Pilgrims sailed on the Mayflower.

YES NO

4. The Pilgrims moved from Italy.

YES NO

5. The Pilgrims arrived in America in 1980.

YES NO

## THE MAYFLOWER



This is the Mayflower. It was a very big ship. It brought the Pilgrims to America. It was made of wood. It had large sails to help it move across the ocean. Captain Christopher Jones was in charge of the Mayflower.

The Mayflower carried many families to America. There were 102 passengers on its famous trip. Some of the people became very sick. One person died during the trip. The passengers on the Mayflower finally saw America on November 19, 1620.

### ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. What was the Mayflower?

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2. What was the Mayflower made of?

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3. Why was the Mayflower important?

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## LIVING IN AMERICA

The first year the Pilgrims lived in America was very hard. It was winter when they arrived. They had to find food to eat during the cold winter months. They also had to build homes to keep themselves warm.

The homes the Pilgrims built were made of wood. They had brought tools with them to cut down trees. They made boards from the trees. They made roofs and walls with the boards. Their floors were made of dirt. The homes were just one room. The Pilgrims cooked and slept in the same room. The parents had a bed to sleep in. Children slept on bedrolls, which were kind of like sleeping bags. There was very little furniture in the homes.

### FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS:

1. The Pilgrims had to find food for the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Pilgrims' homes were made of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Pilgrims brought \_\_\_\_\_ to help them build homes.
4. Their homes had \_\_\_\_\_ room.
5. The floors of the Pilgrim homes were made of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Children slept on \_\_\_\_\_.

## SQUANTO, A GOOD FRIEND



The Pilgrims found a friend in America. His name was Squanto. Squanto was a Native American. Squanto had lived in England, where he had learned to speak English. Squanto had returned to America in 1619.

Squanto was very helpful to the Pilgrims. Squanto helped the Pilgrims talk with other Native Americans. He helped them to make peace with the nearby tribe, so that the tribe and the Pilgrims could be friends. He taught the Pilgrims how to hunt, fish, and grow corn. The Pilgrims would have starved without Squanto's help. The Pilgrims were thankful for Squanto's help.

### ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Squanto learn to speak English?

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2. How did Squanto help the Pilgrims?

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## THE FIRST THANKSGIVING



In 1621, the Pilgrims were very happy. They had built homes. They had raised enough food to eat during the long winter. They were friends with the Native Americans. It was time to celebrate.

The Pilgrims and their Native American neighbors, the Wampanoag tribe, had a feast to celebrate their success. Squanto and about ninety other Wampanoags came.

The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted for three days. There was plenty of food for everyone to enjoy. They ate wild turkey, deer, fish, peas, and corn. The Pilgrims and the Wampanoags played games, ran races, and played drums during the three days.

Thanksgiving became a national holiday in the United States in 1863. President Lincoln declared a national Thanksgiving Day. Now it is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States. It is a time for Americans to be thankful and to spend time with family and friends.



**ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:**

1. What did the Pilgrims have to celebrate?

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2. Who attended the celebration in 1621?

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3. What did the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags do during their celebration?

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4. When is Thanksgiving celebrated in the U.S.?

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5. How is your Thanksgiving celebration different from the 1621 celebration?

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## A THANKSGIVING PICTURE



**WRITE ABOUT YOUR PICTURE.**

Four sets of primary writing lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed midline, and a solid bottom line.

## THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

Find the words in the puzzle.

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V N P C Q X R O P C L C W D N  
D H I I X Z I P O E X D V Z V  
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K C S H H P S A N U R E W I H  
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B A S N K P J G E N H N I J V  
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O M R P Q U I W W O W F P U C

THANKSGIVING	SHIP	CORN
GAMES	FOOD	SQUANTO
PILGRIMS	MAYFLOWER	FRIENDS



**ANSWER PAGE**

**Page 1: Pilgrims**

1. yes
2. yes
3. yes
4. no
5. no

**Page 2: The Mayflower**

1. It was a very big ship.
2. It was wooden with large sails.

**Page 3: Living in America**

1. winter
2. wood
3. tools
4. one
5. dirt
6. bedrolls

**Page 4: Squanto**

1. He learned English in England.
2. He helped them made friends and find food.

**Page 6: The “First” Thanksgiving**

1. They had homes, friends, and a harvest.
2. Wampanoags and Pilgrims were at the celebration.
3. They ate wild turkey, deer, fish, peas, and corn. They played games, ran races, and played drums.
4. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November.
5. answers will vary.