

The Mayflower

Speedwell Friday, July 21, 1620

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Southampton, England Thursday, August 3, 1620

Robert Cushman came to meet with us today. He has changed two of the conditions the leaders agreed upon, and everyone is angry with him. He said he had no choice. It's too late to stop the trip and we had to sell some of the butter we brought in order to have money that Robert will not give to us, as he promised.

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Soon winter will be coming. We've heard it sharp and violent, full of fierce and cruel as even when you have a safe home and neighbor all we can see here is a hideous wilderness, full of wild beasts, and wild men. What will we do?

"And for the season it was winter, and they that know the winters of that countie know them to be sharp and violent, and subjects to cruell and fierce storms, dangerous to travel to knowne places, much more to search an unknowne coast. Thence, what could they see but a hideous and desolate wilderness, full of wild beasts and wild men?"

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Speedwell Monday August 21, 1620

gin, but when we were about 300 miles out if starting leaking again. Will it ever stop? was so leaky he couldn't take it any further. Now we are headed back to Plymouth, England! AGAIN?

"After they were gone to sea againe above 100 leagues without the Lands End, the ma of the small ship complained his ship was so leaky as he must beare up or sink at sea, for they could scarce live for with much pumping. So they resolved both ships to beare up backe againe and put into Plymouth, which accordingly was done."

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Fate Cards

Thank you for taking the time to check out these *Mayflower* Fate Cards. They tell some of the stories of the *Mayflower's* voyage to America in 1620, comparing a modern day, secondary source with the historical primary source. I hope you'll find them informative and educational!

Sandie Flynn

Southampton, England *Thursday, August 3, 1620*

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"He would them, they must then looke to stand on their own legs. ... Whereas they wanted well near 100lb. to clear things at their going away, he would not take order to disburse a penny, but let them shift as they could."

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Mayflower *Tuesday, November 14, 1620*

Soon winter will be coming. We've heard the winters here are sharp and violent, full of fierce and cruel storms. It's dangerous even when you have a safe home and neighbors to help you, but all we can see here is a hideous wilderness, full of wild beasts, and wild men. What will we do?

And for the season it was winter, and they that know the winters of that country know them to be sharp and violent, and subject to cruel and fierce storms, dangerous to travel to known places, much more to search an unknown coast. Besides, what could they see but a hideous and desolate wilderness, full of wild beasts and wild men?"

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Mayflower *Thursday, September 7, 1620*

We've already been on this ship for 6 weeks and we haven't even gotten anywhere! Everyone is sea sick—it stinks, and there is vomit everywhere. We have to use a bucket to poop in, the food is wet and cold. I hate this!

"These troubles [of the leaking ship] being blowne over, and now all being compacte together in one shipe, they put to sea againe with a prosperus winde, which continued diverse days together, which was some encouragement unto them; yet according to the usual manner many were afflicted with seasicknes."

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Mayflower and Speedwell *Monday August 21, 1620*

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Mayflower *Sunday October 15, 1620*

The adults are all arguing about what to do with the broken beam. The sailors say the ship is strong, and we are halfway through our voyage, and they don't really want to do the work necessary to fix the beam, but they don't want to drown, either. Oh, I hope the ship is strong enough to make it!

"And truly ther was great distraction and differance of opinion amongst the mariners them selves; faire would they doe what could be done for their wages sake, (being now halfe the seas over,) and on the other hand they were loath to hazard their lives too desperately. But in examening of all opinions, the Inr and others affirmed they knew the ship to be stronge and firme under water."

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Mayflower *Wednesday, September 6, 1620*

We left England again today, only now there is only one ship America—the *Mayflower*. We took the supplies from the *Speedwell* on our ship, but the passengers have to stay in the hold. There's not enough room on one ship for everyone.

"penall leake could be founde, but it was judged to be the weakest of the shipe, and that shee would not prove for the voyage. Upon which it was resolved to dismisse the same, and proceede with the other"

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Speedwell *July*

We had a good wind and arrived safely in Southampton. The *Speedwell* is leaking. They will repair the ship this week. The *Speedwell* and the *Mayflower* will be sailing together to the New World. I'm glad to get off this leaking bucket.

"With a prosperus winde they came in short time hantton, when they found the bigger ship come from lying ready, with all the rest of their company."

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Speedwell and Mayflower *Friday, August 12, 1620*

We arrived in Dartmouth where they will repair all the leaks in the *Speedwell*. It feels like we just keep coming and going. We are in good luck with the good wind and weather!

"we hear thorowly searcht from steme to sterne, some were found and mended, and now it was conceived by the pilots that she was sufficient, and they might proceed without either feare or danger."

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Southampton, England *Thursday, August 3, 1620*

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Mayflower and Speedwell *Saturday, August 5, 1620*

We finally left England today. The two ships, the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell*, are sailing together. We can see the coast as we sail along.

"Which being done, they sett sayle from thence aboute the 5. of August."

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Mayflower and Speedwell *Monday, August 7, 1620*

We had not gone far when the *Speedwell* began leaking again, and it's leaking badly. We have to go to Dartmouth to have it repaired.

"BEING thus put to sea they had not gone far, but Mr. Remolds the mstr of the lesser shipe complained that he found his shipe so leak as he durst not put further to sea all she was mended. So the mstr of the bigger shipe (caled Mr. Jonas) being consulted with, they both resolved to put into Dartmouth and have her ther searched and mended, which accordingly was done, to their great chag and losse of time and a full waste."

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Fate Cards

Fictional journal-style description of *Mayflower* events, coupled with description from Bradford's book, *Of Plymouth Plantation*. Includes template.

Mayflower

Sunday October 15, 1620

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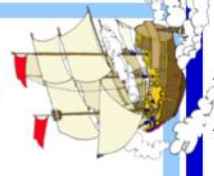
Mayflower

Monday, October 16, 1620

Well, they finally decided how to fix the cracked beam. We brought a huge iron screw with us from Holland. The ship's carpenter set it on a strong post on the floor of the deck and wound the screw tight against the upper floor to replace the broken beam. The storm goes ever on.

"For the buckling of the maine beame, ther was a great iron scrue the passengers brought out of Holland, which would raise the beame into his place; the which being done, the carpenter and mr affirmed that with a post put under it, set firme in the lower deck, and otherways bounde, he would make it sufficiente."

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Mayflower

Tuesday, October 17, 1620

The sailors are calking the decks and the sides of the ship so that it will stop leaking. They think there will be no real danger, as long as they don't put too many sails on. They can't put up a lot of sails in this terrible wind, anyway! We'd tip right over! I can't believe the howling winds. They sound like screeching owls.

"And as for the decks and uper workes they would calke them as well as they could and though with the workinge of the ship they would not longe keepe stanch, yet ther would otherwise be no great danger, if they did not overpress her with sails. So they committed them selves to the will of God, and resolved to proseeede."

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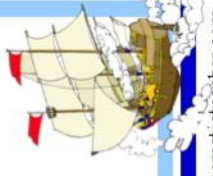
Mayflower

Friday, October 20, 1620

The winds are so fierce, and the waves are so high, we can't put up any sails. We keep moving, wherever the wind pushes us, but I wonder if we're going in the right direction. We haven't put up any sails for days! When will we ever get there? Are we going to get lost? Are we going to ship wreck?

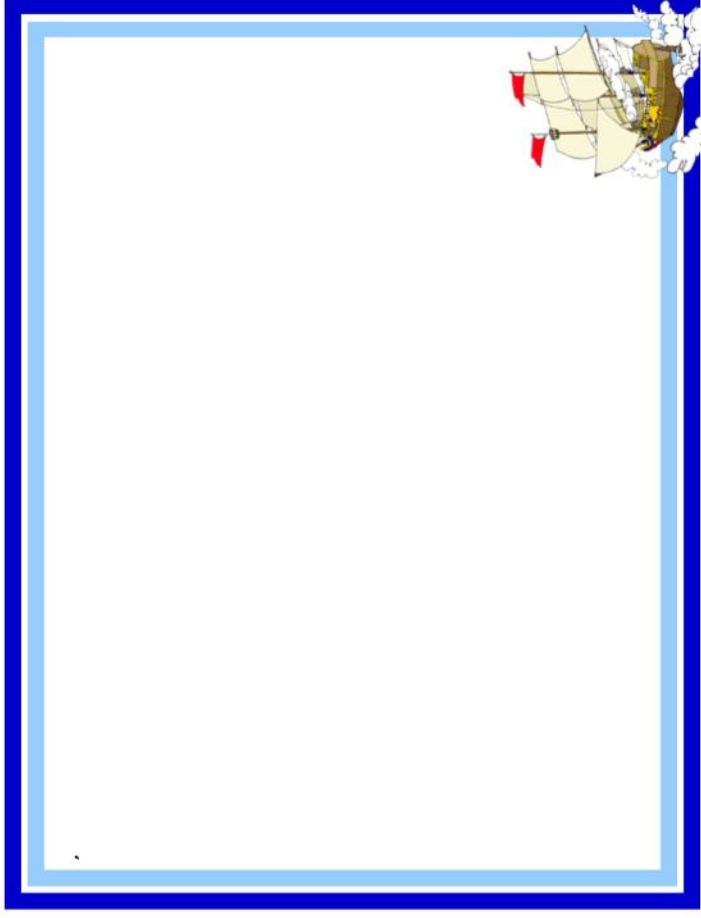
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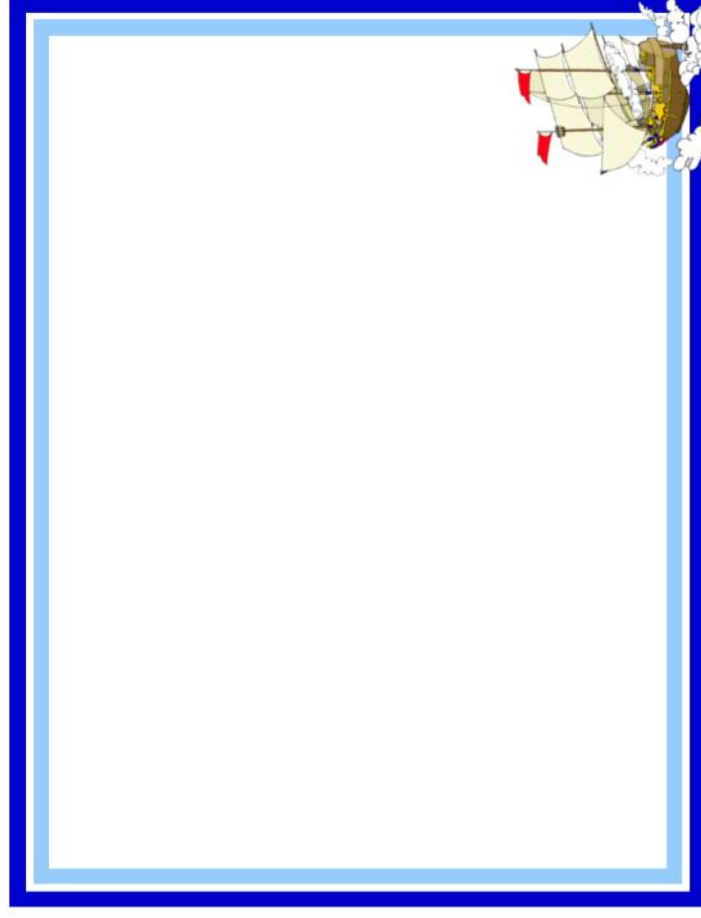
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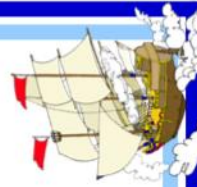
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