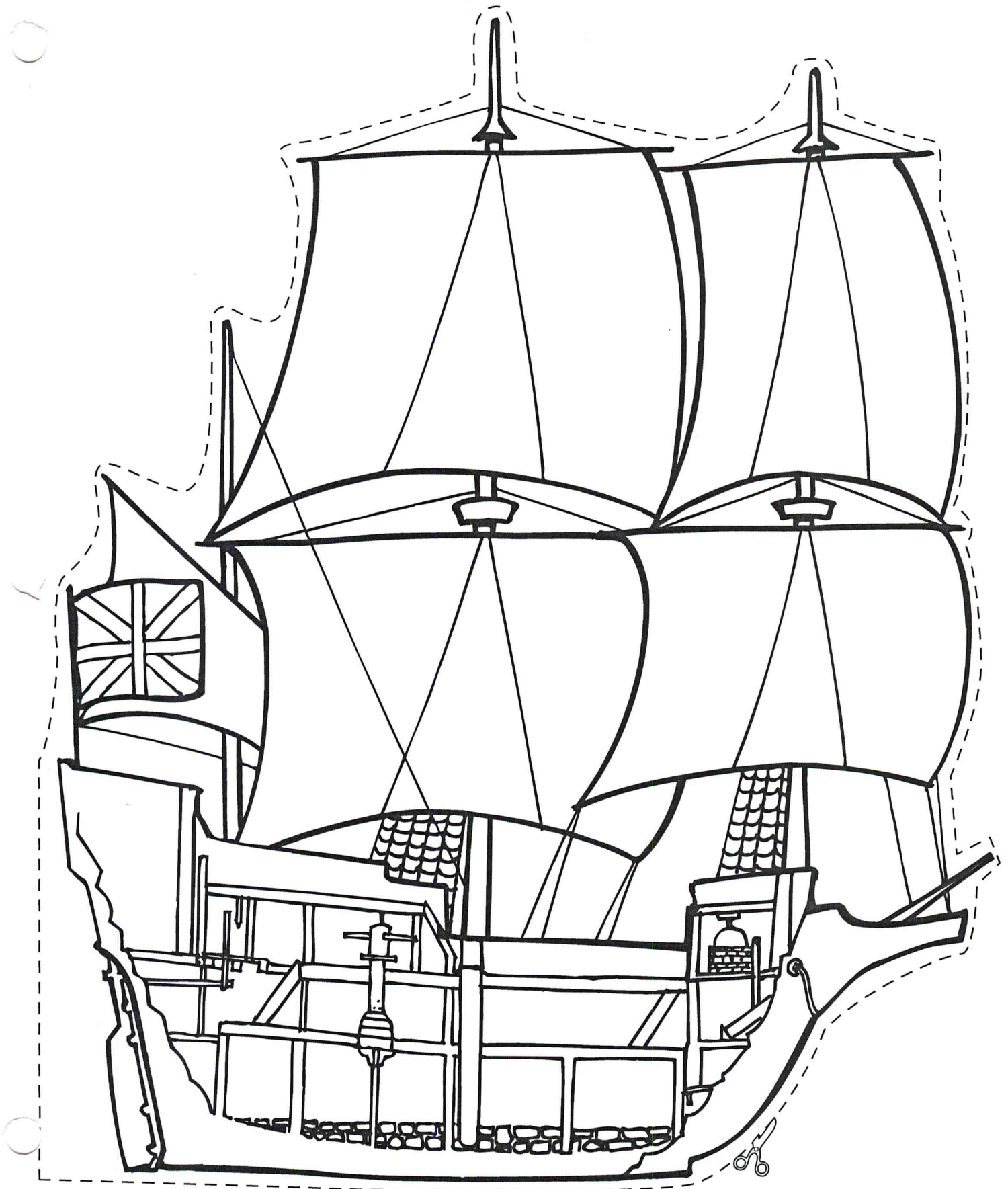# ON THE *MAYFLOWER*

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The voyage of the *Mayflower* from Europe to North America lasted 66 days, from September to November 1620. Each family could bring only one chest with all their belongings. Conditions on board were only tolerable. People slept squeezed between other passengers on a hard wooden deck below the main deck. Food consisted of salted meat, hardtack (dry biscuit), and limited water. Storms battered the ship, making passengers seasick and miserable. Passengers shared their quarters with cockroaches, flies, and rats. Still they maintained hope for a new life.

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