

Enquiry Question: What were the causes and motivations for migration to America?

Topic: Mayflower

Year: 5

Strand: Cause and Effect

Key Information

The *Mayflower* was a famous ship that transported the Pilgrims from Plymouth, England, to Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts (United States), in 1620. On 21st March 1621, all surviving passengers, who had inhabited the ship during the winter, moved ashore as Plymouth Colony.

Passengers

The 102 passengers on the *Mayflower* were the earliest permanent European settlers in New England. Throughout the winter, the passengers spent time ashore preparing homesites and searching for food, but partly remained based aboard the *Mayflower*. Only about half of the settlers would still be alive when the *Mayflower* left in the spring.

Thanksgiving

The arrival of the colonists to America had a huge impact on the Native Americans who had to share, or give up the land, they had called home for centuries. Unsurprisingly, the Pilgrims faced some hostility from the Native Americans having lost friends and family to European diseases. However, the leader of the Wampanoag tribe, the Native American people taught the Pilgrims how to grow corn and after a successful harvest, the 53 remaining settlers invited their Wampanoag allies to join them for a massive feast - the first ever Thanksgiving, which is still celebrated every year in the US.



The first Thanksgiving feast between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag.

Key Vocabulary

Pilgrims

The Pilgrims, also known as the Pilgrim Fathers, were the English settlers who travelled to North America on the *Mayflower*.

Separatists

a group of people who mostly wanted to live a life free from the current Church of England.

Protestant

A branch of Christianity. A member or follower of any of the Western Christian Churches that are separate from the Roman Catholic Church.

Saints

The Protestant Separatists who were on board the *Mayflower*.

Strangers

Other *Mayflower* passengers included servants, contracted workers, and families seeking a new life in America.

sovereign

having the most political power or authority

colony

A colony is a group of people from one country who build a settlement in another territory, or land.

voyage

a long journey involving travel by sea or in space.

**migrate/
migration**

the movement of people from one place to another.

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Questions	Start of unit:	End of unit:
1. Who were the two groups on board the Mayflower and why did they go to America?		
2. What was the Mayflower like and how was it navigated?		
3. What was the journey on the Mayflower like?		
4. What was life like in 17 th century Plymouth, England?		
5. What impact did the colony have on the Native Americans?		