

Discover America

Course 2 - Teacher Guide



COURSE 2: PILGRIM LIFE AND THANKSGIVING

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Key Themes

- Discovery
- Respect
- Tradition

Core Values

- Faith
- Liberty
- Community
- Life

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Describe who inhabited America when the Pilgrims arrived in the New World.
- Explain the challenges faced by Native Americans.



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Key Terms

- 01 **Iroquois** - a Native American community composed of five different tribes near present-day New York during the time of the Pilgrims.
- 02 **longhouse** - the houses built by the Iroquois that were longer than a football field.
- 03 **Native Americans** - the first people to live in North and South America before Europeans arrived.
- 04 **New World** - early America.
- 05 **Pilgrims** - early settlers who traveled from Europe to North America on a ship called the Mayflower.
- 06 **Thanksgiving** - a national holiday in November to give thanks for blessings and harvest.
- 07 **Wampanoag** - a large Native American tribe in the Northeastern part of America during the time of the Pilgrims.

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Introduction

ASK Students

Who were the first people to live in America? What was their life like?

(allow students to respond)

TELL Students

Before European settlers lived in America, Native Americans inhabited the land. The Pilgrims were met by these Native Americans when the Mayflower landed in the Northeast. **Pilgrims** were early settlers who traveled from Europe to North America on a ship called the Mayflower. The **Mayflower** is the ship the Pilgrims boarded for their historic voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. Ultimately, the Native Americans and the Pilgrims worked together to make life successful for both communities. However, things did not start out that easy. Let's watch another episode of Star Spangled Adventures to learn more!

WATCH

Star Spangled Adventures Episode:

The Pilgrims & The First Thanksgiving



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Lesson

Native American Communities: Builders of the New World

TELL Students

The Pilgrims were not alone in their new home in the **New World**, or early America. Before European settlers journeyed to the New World, America was inhabited with many different Native American communities – some of whom had been there for thousands of years. Let's watch a Learn More With Liberty video to learn more!

WATCH

Learn More With Liberty Course Video:
Why Community Matters: America Settled



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TELL Students

The **Iroquois**, for example, were composed of five different tribes that made decisions together. The Iroquois lived near present-day New York. They were skilled builders. Families lived together in **longhouses**, which were longer than a football field! Each longhouse was divided into smaller apartments. They used posts, poles, and bark to construct the longhouses and used bark or rope made from braided bark to tie the framework together. They used fire to keep warm and cook food. Let's watch another Learn More With Liberty video to learn more!

WATCH

Learn More With Liberty Course Video:
Help from the Native Americans



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Lesson

The Wampanoag

TELL Students

The **Wampanoag**, also known as the "People of the First Light," inhabited the Northeast near where the Pilgrims first landed. In the 1600s, the Wampanoag Nation was estimated to have as many as 40,000 individuals living across 67 tribal communities. Their primary food source was corn but they also engaged in hunting and fishing.

As explorers began arriving in the New World, Native American communities encountered various challenges including disease introduced by Europeans, conflict between rival tribes, and the threat of slavery. Despite these hardships, the story of the first Thanksgiving becomes even more remarkable against this backdrop of struggle faced by the Native Americans and the new English settlers.

ASK Students

How did the European settlers impact the Native American communities?

WATCH

Learn More With Liberty Course Video:

The First Thanksgiving



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Flash Cards



THANKSGIVING

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PILGRIMS

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NEW WORLD

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NATIVE AMERICANS

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IROQUOIS

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WAMPANOAG

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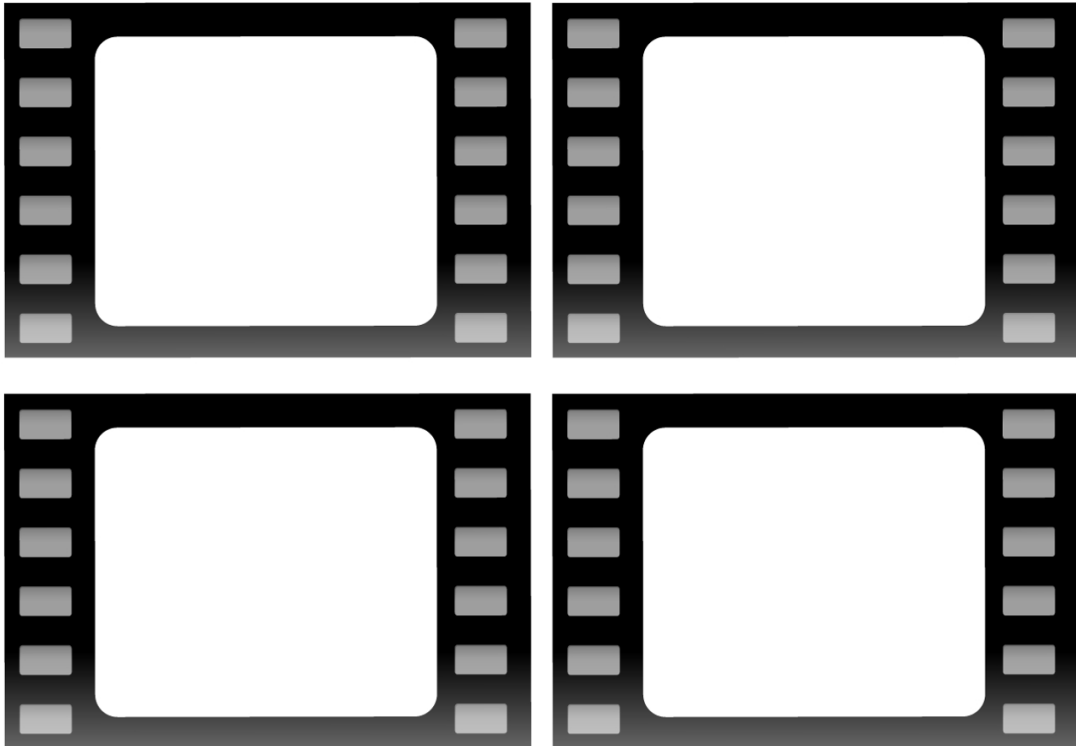
LONGHOUSE

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Show What You Know!

DRAW four pictures and **WRITE** four sentences about Squanto and the Wampanoag.



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02

03

04

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Assessment

1. Term used for early America.

- a. Old World
- b. New World
- c. New America
- d. Middle America

2. The Native American community that was composed of five different tribes.

- a. Iroquois
- b. Delaware
- c. Cherokee
- d. Wampanoag

3. The Native American tribe that was located in the Northeastern part of America.

- a. Iroquois
- b. Delaware
- c. Cherokee
- d. Wampanoag

4. A long dwelling divided into smaller apartments where families lived together.

- a. Shorthouses
- b. Longhouses
- c. Cottages
- d. Cabins

5. The Wampanoag Nation was thought to have as many as ---,--- people in the 1600s.

- a. 10,000
- b. 20,000
- c. 40,000
- d. 90,000

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