

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:

- Name the ship the Pilgrims took to the New World.
- Describe the voyage the Pilgrims took to reach the New World.



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Key Terms

- 01 **Mayflower** - the ship the Pilgrims boarded for their historic voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.
- 02 **Native Americans** - the first people to live in North and South America before Europeans arrived.
- 03 **New World** - early America.
- 04 **Pilgrims** - early settlers who traveled from Europe to North America on a ship called the Mayflower.
- 05 **Plymouth** - the site of the colony founded in 1620 by the Mayflower Pilgrims.
- 06 **textiles** - cloth materials.
- 07 **Thanksgiving** - a national holiday in November to give thanks for blessings and harvest.
- 08 **voyage** - a long journey.

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Introduction

ASK Students

Have you ever moved to a new home or town?
If you have not moved homes, think about moving to a new class in your school each year. What did you first explore in this new place?

How long did it take to make new friends?
What was it like to move? Was it scary? Or fun?

(allow students to respond)

TELL Students

The Pilgrims moved to a new home. **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. The Pilgrims were unhappy in England so they moved to the Netherlands. Later, some of the Pilgrims moved to the **New World**, or early America. Let's learn about their journey in another episode of Star Spangled Adventures!

WATCH

Star Spangled Adventures Episode:
The Pilgrims & The First Thanksgiving



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Lesson

Journey of Faith: The Pilgrims' Quest for Freedom & Survival

TELL Students

Before coming to America, the Pilgrims left England and traveled to the Netherlands in 1608. Despite having the freedom to worship as they pleased in the Netherlands, life was difficult and they were unhappy. They lived in poverty while working in the **textile** industry. Many parents were concerned their children would not learn their English language and culture. Let's watch a Learn More With Liberty video to learn more!

WATCH

Learn More With Liberty Course Video:
Meet the Pilgrims



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TELL Students

After more than ten years in the Netherlands, some of the Pilgrims decided to move again. However, they were still looking for a place where they could live and worship freely. So, in 1620, the Pilgrims boarded the Mayflower in England and set off for the New World. Their **voyage** would last more than two months and would be very difficult. The ship had just over 100 men, women, and children. Some of them were searching for religious freedom, while others left in search of economic opportunities. Let's watch another Learn More With Liberty video to learn more!

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Learn More With Liberty Course Video:
The Pilgrims Set Sail



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Lesson

Journey of Faith: The Pilgrims' Quest for Freedom and Survival

TELL Students

Aboard the Mayflower, the Pilgrims sat below deck and rarely went outside. The Mayflower went through a really bad storm that blew them off course, which brought them to **Plymouth** (in present-day Massachusetts). The first winter they experienced was very dangerous. The lack of good food and the bad diseases led to the death of more than half of the original Pilgrims who were aboard the Mayflower.

Even though this sounds like a horrible experience, it was not long before the Pilgrims got help from the **Native Americans** and were able to survive in the New World. Ultimately this partnership led to the first **Thanksgiving**. Let's watch another Learn More With Liberty video to learn more!

WATCH

Learn More With Liberty Course Video:
The Pilgrims Settle Early America



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ASK Students

What role did the Pilgrims' faith play in their journey to the New World?

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Learn More With Liberty Course Video:
Why Faith Matters: The Pilgrims



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Flash Cards



**NATIVE
AMERICANS**

the first people to live
in North and South
America before
Europeans arrived

THANKSGIVING

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November to give
thanks for blessings
and harvest

PILGRIMS

early settlers who
traveled from
Europe to North
America on a ship
called the Mayflower

NEW WORLD

early America

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Flash Cards



MAYFLOWER

the ship the Pilgrims
boarded for their
historic voyage across
the Atlantic Ocean

PLYMOUTH

the site of the
colony founded in
1620 by the
Mayflower Pilgrims

TEXTILES

cloth materials

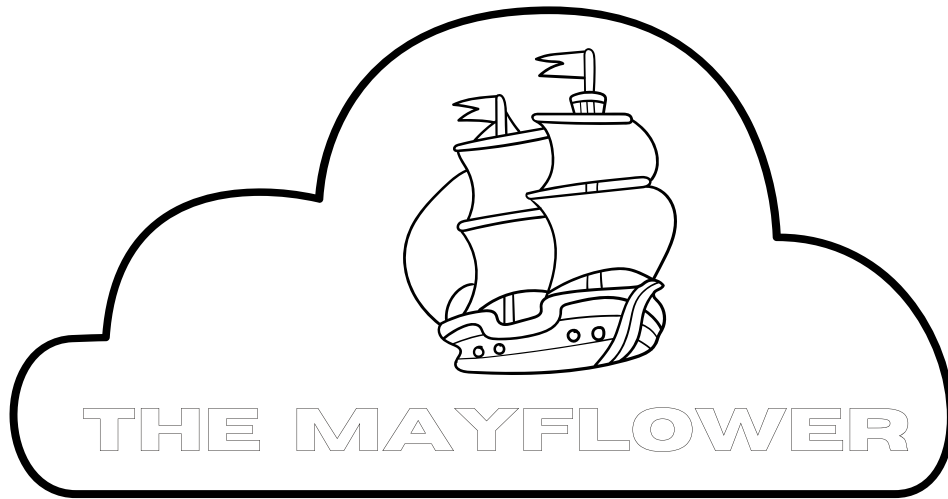
VOYAGE

a long journey

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Rainbow of Facts

Directions: Cut out the cloud. Color the picture of the Mayflower. Color every strip a different color using markers. On each of the six strips, write one fact about the Pilgrim's journey aboard the Mayflower. Glue or tape the strips to the back of the cloud to create a rainbow of facts.



Six horizontal gray rectangular strips for writing facts, arranged vertically below the cloud graphic.

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Assessment

1. The ship the Pilgrims boarded for their historic voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.

- a. Jamestown
- b. Mayflower
- c. Santa Maria
- d. Mayfoil

2. Before coming to America, the Pilgrims first journey was to which country:

- a. Germany
- b. England
- c. Netherlands
- d. France

3. Planning and organizing the journey to the New World was easy for the Pilgrims.

- a. True
- b. False

4. A national holiday in November to give thanks for blessings and harvest.

- a. Thanksgiving
- b. Christmas
- c. Easter
- d. Independence Day

5. Receiving help from this group of people made it possible for the Pilgrims to survive in the New World.

- a. Settlers
- b. English
- c. Dutch
- d. Native Americans

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