

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:

- Explain why the Pilgrims decided to leave their home in England.
- Describe the religious beliefs held by the Pilgrims before they embarked on their journey to early America.



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Key Terms

- 01 **corrupt** - evil.
- 02 **King Henry VIII** - King of England who started his own church because he did not want to follow the rules of the Catholic Church.
- 03 **Mayflower** - the ship the Pilgrims boarded for their historic voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.
- 04 **New World** - early America.
- 05 **persecuted** - mistreated due to religious beliefs.
- 06 **Pilgrims** - early settlers who traveled from Europe to North America on a ship called the Mayflower.

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Introduction

ASK Students

Imagine being told that you were not allowed to believe in God or in something special to you. You could not pray, worship, or even talk about something important in your life. If you were caught doing any of these things, you would get in serious trouble.

How would that make you feel?
What would you do?

(allow students to respond)

TELL Students

The Pilgrims were in a similar situation. They wanted to worship God a certain way, but the king forced them to only worship God HIS way. The king even punished people for trying to live out their faith in their own way. This made the Pilgrims want to leave their home and move to a whole new place where they could worship God however they wanted to. That is a pretty bold thing to do!

WATCH

Learn More with Liberty



Scan Me!

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Lesson

The Pilgrims & the Hunt for Religious Freedom

TELL Students

In the 1530s, King Henry VIII created his own church called the Church of England. He did not want to follow the rules of the Catholic church or the pope. King VIII was a brutal king and made himself the ruler of the new church.

The Pilgrims refused to support the Church of England and wanted to break away. They thought it was corrupt and did not like what it was teaching. If a British citizen did not attend the Church of England, they were punished. Those who worshiped separately and in secret were persecuted.

Since the Pilgrims were not allowed to practice their faith freely, they fled England. They set out to find a place where they could worship God the way they wanted to. The Pilgrims had faith that God would guide them down the path He wanted them to take. In 1608, before coming to America, they first left England and traveled to the Netherlands. Although the Pilgrims had religious freedom in the Netherlands, life was not easy and they were not happy. After more than ten years in the Netherlands, some of the Pilgrims decided to move again. They were still looking for a place where they could live well and worship freely. In 1620, the Pilgrims boarded the Mayflower and set off for the New World.

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Lesson

The Pilgrims & the Hunt for Religious Freedom

TELL Students

The Pilgrims had faith they would survive the difficult voyage to America. They also had faith that they would be able to survive once they settled in the New World. Their faith was one of the main reasons the Pilgrims were able to eventually start a new life and a new colony in early America. The Pilgrims were committed to their faith even though the New World brought challenges that tested this faith each and every day. The Pilgrims depended on God to provide the help they needed in the New World. This is what led to the first Thanksgiving.

REFLECTIONS

What role did faith play in the Pilgrim's journey to the New World?

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Flash Cards



CORRUPT

evil

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



KING HENRY VIII

King of England who started his own church because he did not want to follow the rules of the Catholic Church

MAYFLOWER

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

PERSECUTED

mistreated due to religious beliefs

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Wheel of Facts

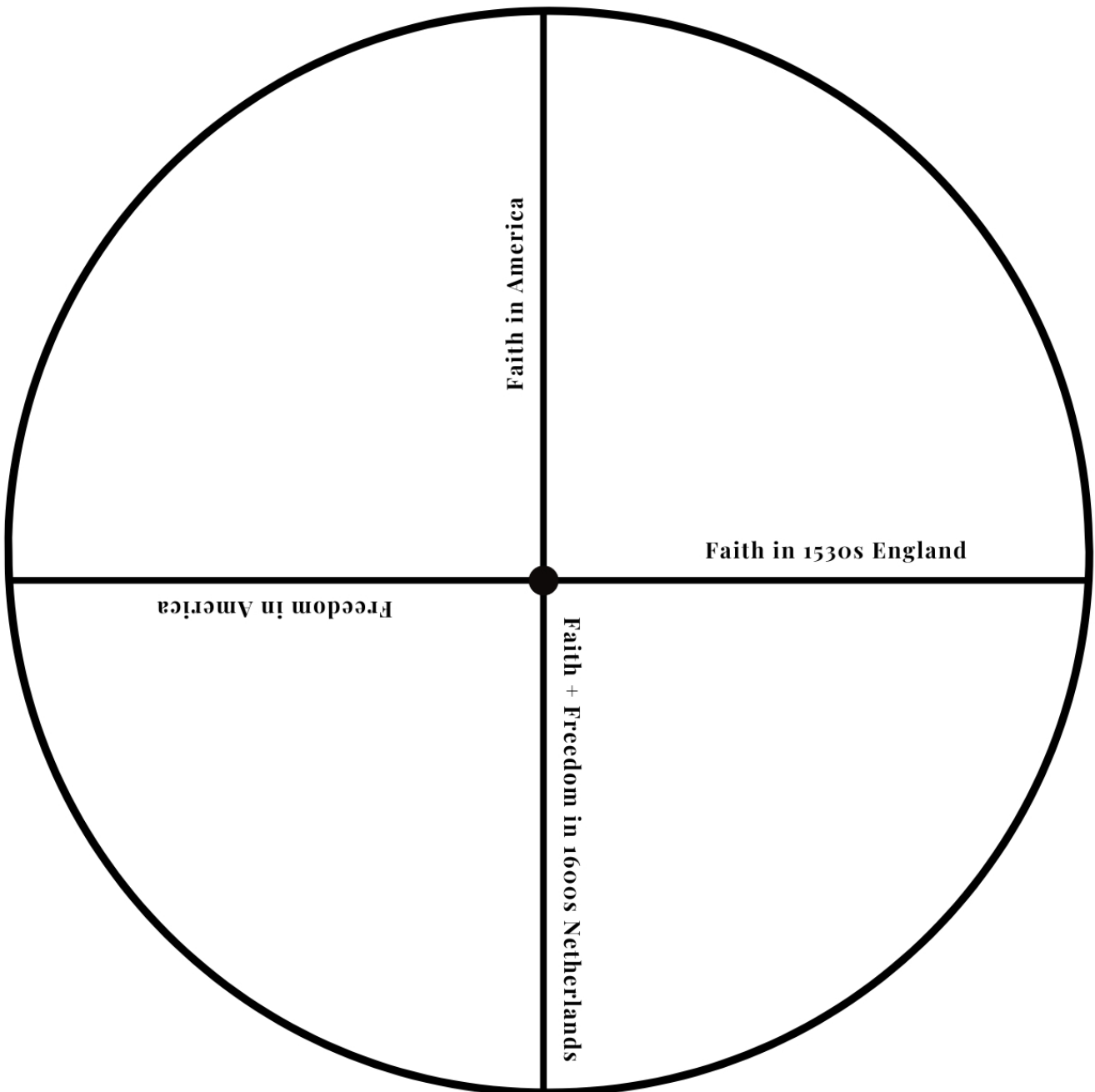
Top Wheel Directions: Cut out the circle. Next, cut out the slice from the circle.



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Wheel of Facts

Bottom Wheel Directions: In each quarter, write one to two facts about faith and/or freedom. Cut out the circle. Place this circle under the top circle. Fasten both circles together with a brad. Spin the wheel to read your facts.



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Assessment

1. _____ created his own church in England in the 1530s.

- a. King John II
- b. King Henry V
- c. King John VI
- d. King Henry VIII

2. If a British citizen refused to attend church, they were _____.

- a. Fined
- b. Persecuted
- c. Banished
- d. None of the above

3. After fleeing from England, the Pilgrims spent over _____ in the Netherlands before sailing to America.

- a. 10 years
- b. 15 years
- c. 20 years
- d. 40 years

4. The Pilgrims relied on _____ to help them survive the difficult voyage to America.

- a. Faith
- b. Fear
- c. Teamwork
- d. Doubt

5. The ship Pilgrims boarded to make their historic journey across the Atlantic.

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

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