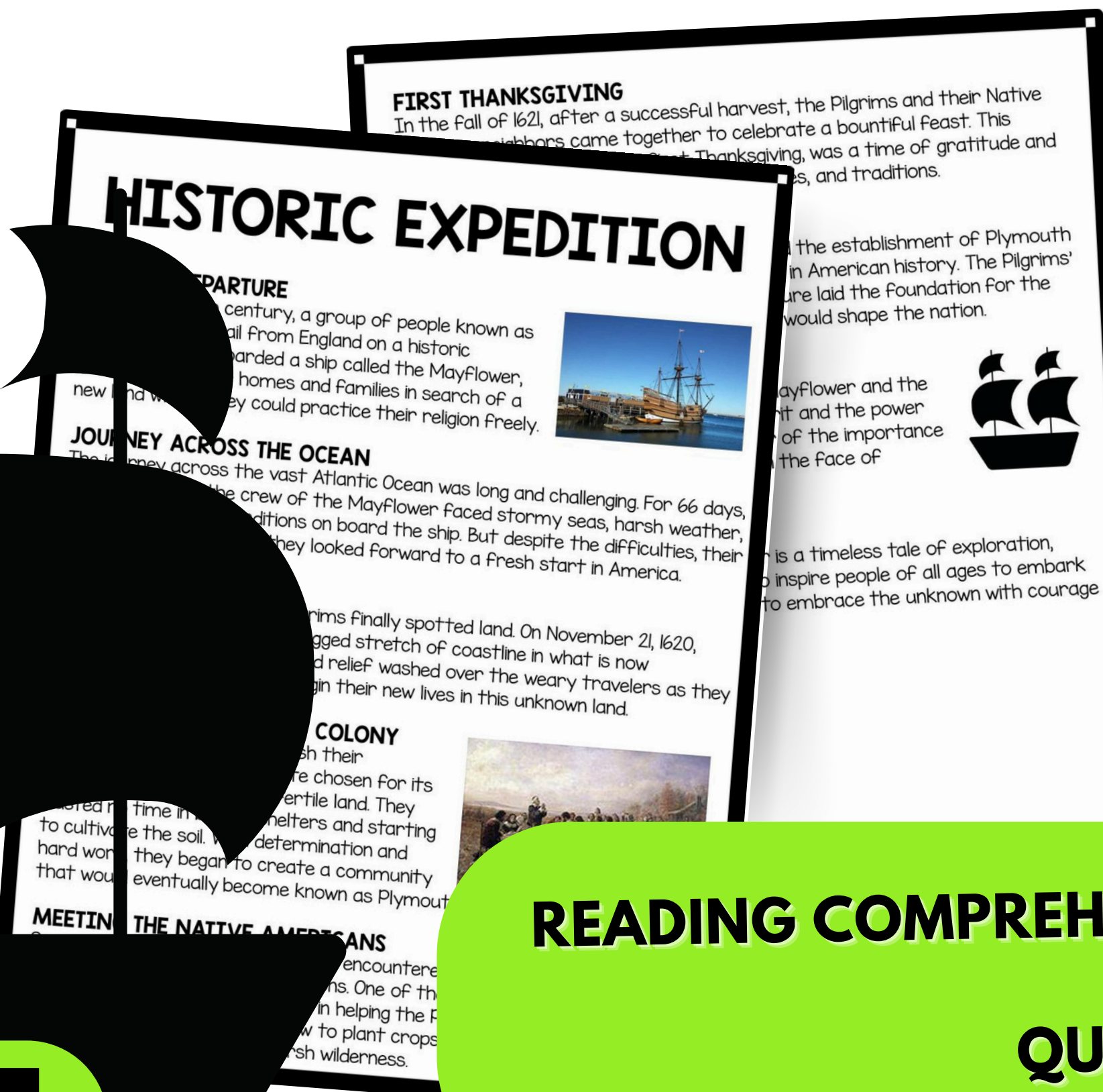
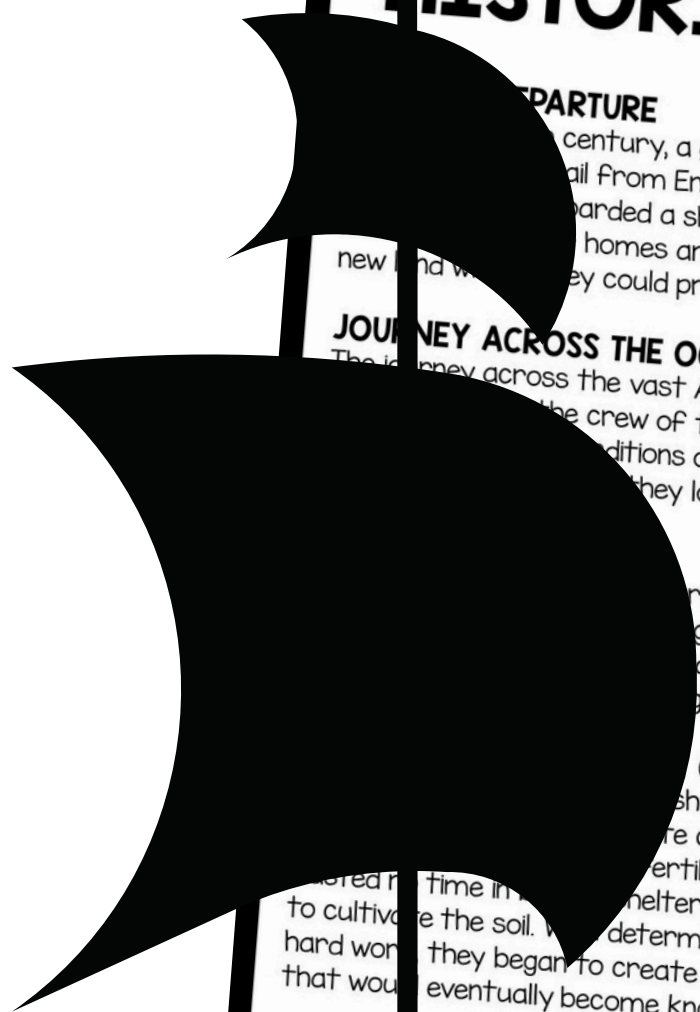


The Mayflower

HISTORIC EXPEDITION

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HISTORIC EXPEDITION

A BRAVE DEPARTURE

In the early 17th century, a group of people known as the Pilgrims set sail from England on a historic expedition. They boarded a ship called the Mayflower, leaving behind their homes and families in search of a new land where they could practice their religion freely.



JOURNEY ACROSS THE OCEAN

The journey across the vast Atlantic Ocean was long and challenging. For 66 days, the Pilgrims and the crew of the Mayflower faced stormy seas, harsh weather, and cramped living conditions on board the ship. But despite the difficulties, their spirits remained high as they looked forward to a fresh start in America.

LAND HO!

After months at sea, the Pilgrims finally spotted land. On November 21, 1620, they arrived at Cape Cod, a rugged stretch of coastline in what is now Massachusetts. Excitement and relief washed over the weary travelers as they prepared to disembark and begin their new lives in this unknown land.

ESTABLISHING PLYMOUTH COLONY

The Pilgrims decided to establish their settlement at Plymouth, a site chosen for its access to fresh water and fertile land. They wasted no time in building shelters and starting to cultivate the soil. With determination and hard work, they began to create a community that would eventually become known as Plymouth Colony.



MEETING THE NATIVE AMERICANS

Soon after their arrival, the Pilgrims encountered Native Americans who had been living in the area for generations. One of these Native Americans was Squanto, who played a crucial role in helping the Pilgrims survive in their new environment. He taught them how to plant crops, hunt, and fish, skills that would prove invaluable in the harsh wilderness.

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FIRST THANKSGIVING

In the fall of 1621, after a successful harvest, the Pilgrims and their Native American neighbors came together to celebrate a bountiful feast. This gathering, now known as the first Thanksgiving, was a time of gratitude and friendship, as both groups shared food, stories, and traditions.

LEGACY OF THE MAYFLOWER

The historic expedition of the Mayflower and the establishment of Plymouth Colony mark the beginning of a new chapter in American history. The Pilgrims' courage, perseverance, and spirit of adventure laid the foundation for the principles of freedom and democracy that would shape the nation.

REMEMBERING THE JOURNEY

Today, we remember the journey of the Mayflower and the Pilgrims as a testament to the human spirit and the power of hope. Their story serves as a reminder of the importance of tolerance, cooperation, and resilience in the face of adversity.



CONCLUSION

The historic expedition of the Mayflower is a timeless tale of exploration, discovery, and friendship. It continues to inspire people of all ages to embark on their own journeys of discovery and to embrace the unknown with courage and determination.

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HISTORIC EXPEDITION

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. When did the Pilgrims arrive at Cape Cod?

- a) November 21, 1620
- b) December 25, 1620
- c) October 12, 1621
- d) January 1, 1621

2. What was the name of the ship that the Pilgrims boarded for their expedition?

- a) The Santa Maria
- b) The Mayflower
- c) The Nina
- d) The Pinta

3. How long did the journey across the Atlantic Ocean take?

- a) 30 days
- b) 45 days
- c) 66 days
- d) 90 days

4. Where did the Pilgrims decide to establish their settlement?

- a) Jamestown
- b) Plymouth
- c) Boston
- d) New York

5. Who helped the Pilgrims survive in their new environment?

- a) French settlers
- b) Spanish explorers
- c) Native Americans, including Squanto
- d) British soldiers

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. When did the Pilgrims arrive at Cape Cod?
2. What was the name of the ship that the Pilgrims boarded for their expedition?
3. Who helped the Pilgrims survive in their new environment?
4. What event is now known as the Pilgrims' successful harvest?
5. Why is the journey of the Mayflower considered important today?

6. What skills did Squanto teach the Pilgrims?

- a) How to plant crops, hunt, and fish
- b) How to build ships
- c) How to read maps
- d) How to make clothes

7. What event is now known as the Pilgrims' successful harvest?

- a) A gathering to celebrate the Pilgrims' successful harvest
- b) A feast held to commemorate the Pilgrims' successful harvest
- c) A ceremony to honor Native Americans
- d) A parade to welcome new settlers

8. What principles did the Pilgrims' experience serve as a reminder of?

- a) Principles of freedom and democracy
- b) Principles of monarchy and dictatorship
- c) Principles of isolation and independence
- d) Principles of oppression and tyranny

9. Why is the journey of the Mayflower considered important today?

- a) Because it was the fastest journey across the Atlantic Ocean
- b) Because it established the first colony in America
- c) Because it led to the discovery of new land
- d) Because it resulted in a great treasure

10. What does the story of the Mayflower Pilgrims serve as a reminder of?

- a) The importance of tolerance, cooperation, and resilience in the face of adversity
- b) The importance of war and conquest
- c) The importance of isolation and independence
- d) The importance of oppression and tyranny

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. a) November 21, 1620
2. b) The Mayflower
3. c) 66 days
4. b) Plymouth
5. c) Native Americans, including Squanto
6. a) How to plant crops, hunt, and fish
7. b) A feast held to commemorate the Pilgrims' successful harvest
8. a) Principles of freedom and democracy
9. b) Because it established the first colony in America
10. a) The importance of tolerance, cooperation, and resilience in the face of adversity

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

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2. The Mayflower
3. Native Americans, including Squanto
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