

JOURNEY TO AMERICA

READING COMPREHENSION



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SETTING SAIL

In the year 1620, a group of brave people called the Pilgrims embarked on a long journey. They wanted to find a new place to live where they could practice their religion freely. Their adventure began on a big ship called the Mayflower.



LIFE ON THE SHIP

Life on the Mayflower was tough. The ship was small, and there were many people on board—102 passengers and about 30 crew members. The Pilgrims had to sleep on hard floors and eat simple food like dried meat and biscuits. They faced many challenges during their voyage.



CROSSING THE OCEAN

The journey across the ocean was long and difficult. It took 66 days to reach their destination. The weather was often stormy, and the waves rocked the ship back and forth. Some people got seasick, but they all stayed strong and continued their journey.

LAND HO!

After many days at sea, the Pilgrims finally spotted land! They were overjoyed to see the shores of a new land they would call home. Stepping onto land again felt like a great relief after spending so much time on the ship.

BUILDING A NEW HOME

But their journey was not over yet. The Pilgrims had to build their new homes in this new land. They worked hard, chopping down trees and building houses out of wood. It was winter, and the weather was cold, but they persevered.

MEETING NATIVE FRIENDS

The Pilgrims were not alone in their new land. They met Native Americans who lived there. One of them was named Squanto, who became a good friend to the Pilgrims. Squanto taught them how to plant crops and catch fish, which helped them survive.

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CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING

After a year of hard work and friendship, the Pilgrims had a big feast to celebrate. They invited the Native Americans to join them in this special celebration, which we now call Thanksgiving. They gave thanks for their new home and their new friends.



REMEMBERING THE JOURNEY

Today, we remember the journey of the Mayflower and the brave Pilgrims who sailed on her. Their story is an important part of American history. Every year, we celebrate Thanksgiving to honor their first feast and to be thankful for the blessings in our lives.

CONCLUSION

The story of the Mayflower teaches us about courage, perseverance, and friendship. It reminds us to be grateful for the things we have and to celebrate the bonds that unite us.

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Name_____

Date_____

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DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. When did the Pilgrims embark on their journey to America?

- a) 1620
- b) 1720
- c) 1820
- d) 1520

2. What was the name of the ship the Pilgrims sailed on?

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

3. How many passengers were aboard the Mayflower?

- a) 50
- b) 102
- c) 75
- d) 120

4. How long did the journey across the ocean take?

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

5. What challenges did the Pilgrims face during their journey?

- a) Crowded living conditions
- b) Stormy weather
- c) Seasickness
- d) All of the above

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What challenges did the Pilgrims on the Mayflower?
2. Who helped the Pilgrims when they arrived?
3. What did Squanto teach the Pilgrims?
4. What special celebration did the Pilgrims have in America?
5. What lesson does the story of the Pilgrims teach us?

6. Who helped the Pilgrims when they arrived?

- a) Spanish settlers
- b) Native Americans
- c) French traders
- d) British soldiers

7. What did Squanto teach the Pilgrims?

- a) How to plant crops and catch fish
- b) How to build houses
- c) How to navigate the ocean
- d) How to read maps

8. What season was it when the Pilgrims arrived in America?

- a) Summer
- b) Winter
- c) Spring
- d) Fall

9. What special celebration did the Pilgrims have in America?

- a) Christmas
- b) Halloween
- c) Thanksgiving
- d) Independence Day

10. What lesson does the story of the Pilgrims teach us?

- a) About courage, perseverance, and friendship
- b) About exploring new lands for treasure
- c) About sailing on big ships
- d) About trading with other countries

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. a) 1620
2. b) The Mayflower
3. b) 102
4. c) 66 days
5. d) All of the above
6. b) Native Americans
7. a) How to plant crops and catch fish
8. b) Winter
9. c) Thanksgiving
10. a) About courage, perseverance, and friendship

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. The Pilgrims faced challenges such as crowded living conditions, stormy weather, and seasickness during their journey on the Mayflower.
2. The Pilgrims were helped by Native Americans, including a man named Squanto, when they reached America.
3. Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to plant crops and catch fish.
4. After a year in America, the Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving.
5. The story of the Mayflower teaches us about courage, perseverance, and friendship.

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QUESTIONS

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