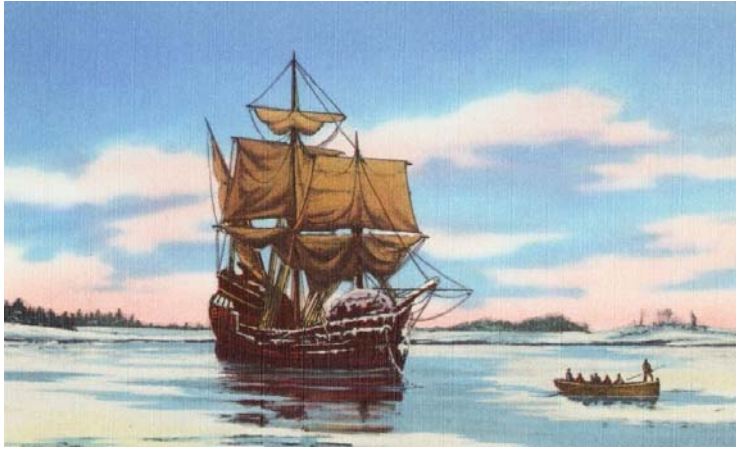


What Was the Mayflower?

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Long ago, a ship sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from England. The ship was called the Mayflower. It carried about a hundred people. These men, women, and children were looking for a place where they could worship as they wanted. The people were known as the Pilgrims.

The trip took more than two months. The inside of the Mayflower was dark and wet. There were no windows. The ceiling was very low. Some people got sick.

The Mayflower finally reached land. Pilgrim families stayed on the ship. Pilgrim men built houses. They planted crops for food to eat. Soon, the Pilgrims had new homes in North America.

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For questions 1–4, please circle the correct answer.

1. Who traveled across the Atlantic Ocean in the Mayflower?
 - A) the French
 - B) the Pilgrims
 - C) the Native Americans

2. This text describes the Mayflower's journey from England to North America. When did the Pilgrims sail across the ocean in the Mayflower?
 - A) yesterday
 - B) a few years ago
 - C) long ago

3. The people on the Mayflower left England to find a place where they could worship as they wanted. What does this information tell us about England?
 - A) England was a beautiful country that everyone wanted to live in.
 - B) People in England were not free to worship the way they wanted.
 - C) People in England were free and could worship any way they wanted.

4. What is “What Was the Mayflower?” mainly about?
 - A) the Atlantic Ocean
 - B) the Pilgrims
 - C) worship in England

5. How does the text describe the inside of the Mayflower?

The inside of the Mayflower is described as

6. Draw a picture of the Pilgrims sitting inside the Mayflower on their journey to North America.



7. What did you learn from "What Was the Mayflower"?

8. **Class Discussion Question:** Use information from the text to explain why Pilgrim families continued to live on the Mayflower after the ship reached land.