

# The Mayflower 400



This painting of the signing of the Mayflower Compact was made in 1899 by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris.

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* arriving in New England, on Nov. 11, 1620. The Pilgrims aboard the ship had been traveling for 66 days from Southampton, England. The ship sheltered in Cape Cod Bay until mid-December, when they moved to Plymouth Harbor and began to build their new settlement.

This week, The Mini Page learns more about who the Pilgrims were and their journey to North America.

## Who were the Pilgrims?

In the 1600s in England, it was against the law to worship in any other church but the Church of England. But some people thought the Church of England was too much like the Roman Catholic Church and wanted to worship differently. They were called **Separatists**.

Some of the Separatists moved to Holland, where they could practice their faith more openly. But they were afraid of losing their English identity, and finding work was difficult. They decided to move to the Virginia Colony, which extended north to the Hudson River. They originally planned to settle near what is now New York City.

About 40 of the people aboard the Mayflower were not Separatists; the Pilgrims called them “strangers.”

## Settling in

While the colonists built houses in Plymouth, they lived on the ship. Many of them became sick with **scurvy** (caused by not enough vitamin C) and pneumonia. About half the people who had set out from England on the *Mayflower* died within the first year.

## The Mayflower Compact

When the *Mayflower* ended up in Massachusetts rather than in the Virginia Colony, the “strangers” didn’t think they needed to follow the rules that had been set out at the beginning of the journey. The Pilgrims believed they must establish some laws for the new settlement.

The Mayflower Compact said:

- colonists would remain loyal to King James.
- they would create and obey laws for the good of the colony.

Almost all of the adult male passengers of the *Mayflower* signed the document.



The Mayflower II is a replica of the 1620 ship. It is shown here docked at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

photo by Lisa Rutakis

## Give thanks

What are you giving thanks for this Thanksgiving? While 2020 has been an unusual year, with remote learning and mask-wearing, there is still a lot to be thankful for. Let’s look at a few ideas.

- **Be thankful for school.**

While “school” has been different and challenging this year, many millions of children around the world do not get to go to elementary school at all, according to the United Nations.

Many more girls than boys are never given the chance to learn to read and write.

- **Be thankful for family and friends.**

This year, time spent with loved ones has been a “silver lining” of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions we’ve been following. Many families have enjoyed playing games, getting outside and doing projects together.

- **Be thankful for technology.**

Can you imagine trying to do school remotely without the internet, a computer or a tablet? While these tools help us every day, there are still plenty of people who can’t access the internet or afford to buy the gadgets.



## Resources



### On the Web:

- [bit.ly/MPMayflower](https://bit.ly/MPMayflower)

### At the library:

- “Mayflower: The Ship That Started a Nation” by Rebecca Siegel
- “The Mayflower: The Perilous Voyage That Changed the World” by Libby Romero

## Try ‘n’ Find

Words that remind us of the Mayflower are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



CHURCH, COLONY,  
COMPACT, ENGLAND,  
FRIENDS, KING,  
MASSACHUSETTS,  
MAYFLOWER, PILGRIMS,  
PLYMOUTH, SCHOOL,  
SCURVY, SEPARATISTS,  
STRANGERS,  
TECHNOLOGY, THANKS,  
VIRGINIA.

Y A I N I G R I V K U C I S L  
Q N H T U O M Y L P I L P K O  
Y G O L O N H C E T J N G N O  
T L Z L F R I E N D S Q G A H  
C R E W O L F Y A M C S I H C  
A P K Y K C S R E G N A R T S  
P L S T T E S U H C A S S A M  
M P I L G R I M S H C R U H C  
O M A S E P A R A T I S T S Y  
C S C U R V Y Q E N G L A N D

## Cook’s Corner

### Puffy Pink Dessert

#### You’ll need:

- 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple, juice included
- 1 (0.6-ounce) package strawberry gelatin mix, sugar-free

- 1 (8-ounce) carton whipped topping, fat-free

- 1 (16-ounce) container small-curd cottage cheese, 2 percent



#### What to do:

1. In a medium pan, heat pineapple to boiling; add package of gelatin to dissolve.
2. Cool to room temperature.
3. Add whipped topping and cottage cheese; mix well.
4. Pour into 13-by-9-inch baking dish.
5. Chill until set. Makes 12 servings.

\* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

## 7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. hornet’s weapon (7) \_\_\_\_\_
2. cook in an oven (4) \_\_\_\_\_
3. work out at the gym (8) \_\_\_\_\_
4. make a copy (9) \_\_\_\_\_
5. animal you can ride (5) \_\_\_\_\_
6. tasting like sugar (5) \_\_\_\_\_
7. very valuable (8) \_\_\_\_\_

ET	ATE	HOR	LIC
KE	CISE	GER	EXER
SWE	PRE	SE	BA
US	STIN	DUP	CIO

Answers: stinger, bake, exercise, duplicate, horse, sweet, precious.



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## Mini Jokes



**Teddy:** When is it fun to serve a rubber turkey?  
**Talula:** At Pranksgiving!

## Eco Note



A small number of Australia’s iconic Tasmanian devils have been transplanted to a forest near Sydney in a test project to bring them back to the mainland. The devils died out there more than 3,000 years ago after dingos were likely brought to Australia by prehistoric immigrants from Indonesia. And about 90% have been wiped out in their only remaining habitats on Tasmania by a deadly tumor cancer since the 1990s.



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