

The Voyage of the Mayflower

Who were the Separatists?
Why were they unhappy in
England? Why did they
decide to leave England?



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We're going to learn a new song to help us remember facts about the Separatists. This song is sung to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot:

**I'm a Separatist and I believe
The Church of England is not for me.
I meet with my good friends to secretly pray
Now we've decided to move away.**



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The Separatists were about to begin pilgrimage, or journey, to the New World. From here on, they would be known as the Pilgrims. A pilgrimage usually refers to a special kind of trip, one made for religious reasons, like that of the Separatists.



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People who go on a pilgrimage are called pilgrims. So the Separatists became pilgrims when they decided to make the long journey across the ocean to worship as they pleased. This particular group of Separatist pilgrims is known in America today simply as the Pilgrims.



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For that reason, in today's read-aloud they will be called Pilgrims, not the Separatists. Today's read aloud is about the Pilgrims' trip to the New World. Listen carefully to find out what happens on their journey across the Atlantic Ocean.



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On a warm September day in the year 1620, 102 men, women and children gathered in the port town of Plymouth, England. They walked up the gangplank of a small sailing ship, bound for a new life in America.



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Let's look at their voyage from England to America on a map.



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Most of the passengers or people traveling on the ship (not the crew sailing it) were Separatists. They were not only leaving their country behind, but they were leaving their identity as Separatists behind as well. They were now pilgrims, making a pilgrimage in search of religious freedom in the New World.



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The name of their ship was the Mayflower. It was not meant to be a passenger ship. It was not meant to be a ship to carry people. Rather, it had been used to carry cargo or goods to and from France for many years. The Pilgrims were crowded into an area beneath the main deck along with the ship's cannons.



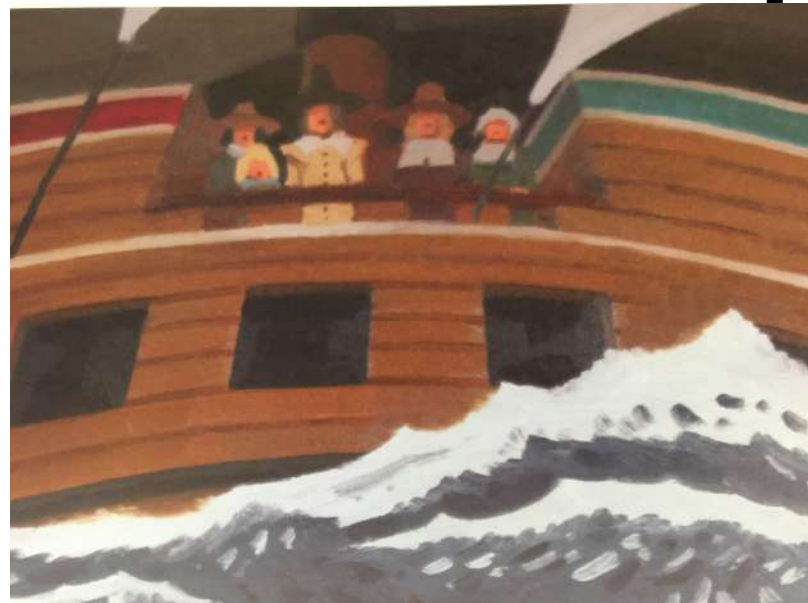
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"We do not expect trouble," the ship's master told the Pilgrims, "but we must be ready in case it comes. Pirates patrol these waters, looking for treasure and waiting to capture unprotected ships."



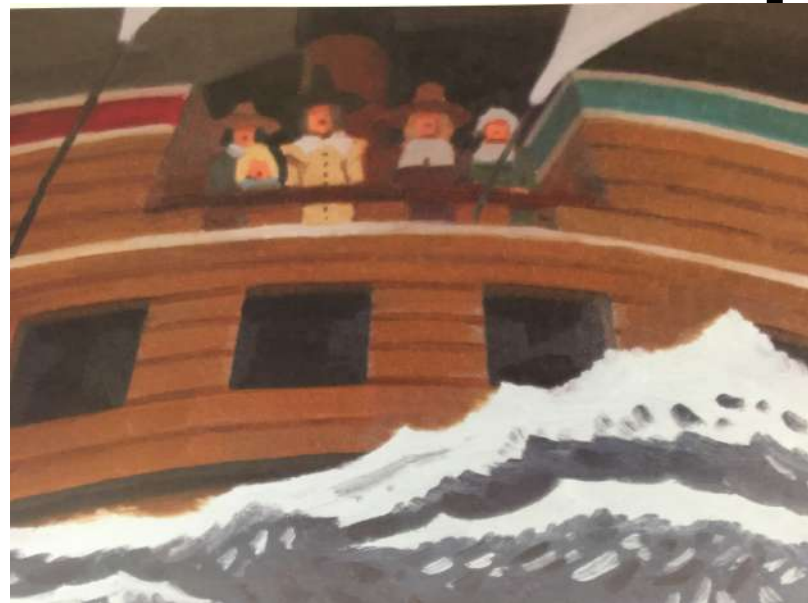
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The passengers took turns going up on deck for fresh air and exercise. Despite the calm seas, a few of the passengers, unused to the constant motion of the ship, felt ill. They were seasick. The air between decks was often stale, adding to their discomfort.



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Gradually, they grew used to their cramped or crowded conditions on board the Mayflower. The Atlantic Ocean, however, was only waiting until they were far from shore to spring her traps on them. "Storm cloud, Cap'n! Cried a sailor one day.



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“Aye-aye,” replied the captain.

“See to it that everything is tied down so it won’t wash overboard if we start taking on heavy seas. Warn the passengers to do the same.” Overboard means to go over the side of the ship.



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Soon enough, the storms and high winds of the North Atlantic struck with fury.

Now, even those who had so far been untroubled by the ship's motion felt sick. The Mayflower, tossed high on huge waves, was lifted and dropped down forcefully again and again.



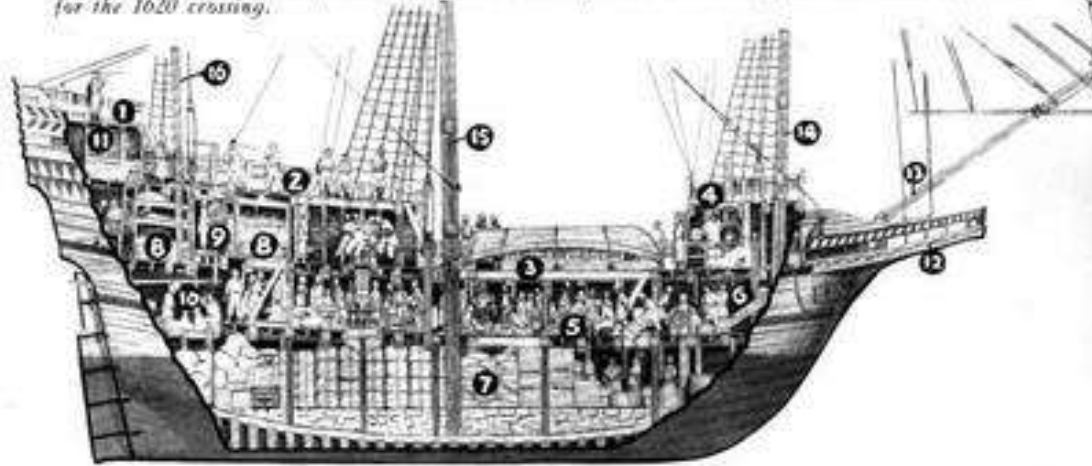
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Rains poured down upon the ship, and dripped between the decks. A few men offered to help the crew. One was tightening some ropes when a great wave hit the Mayflower from the side. Before he could grab his rope, the wave struck with all its might. With a cry, the man was thrown over the side.



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This cut-away view shows passengers and crew as they would have been packed into the Mayflower for the 1620 crossing.

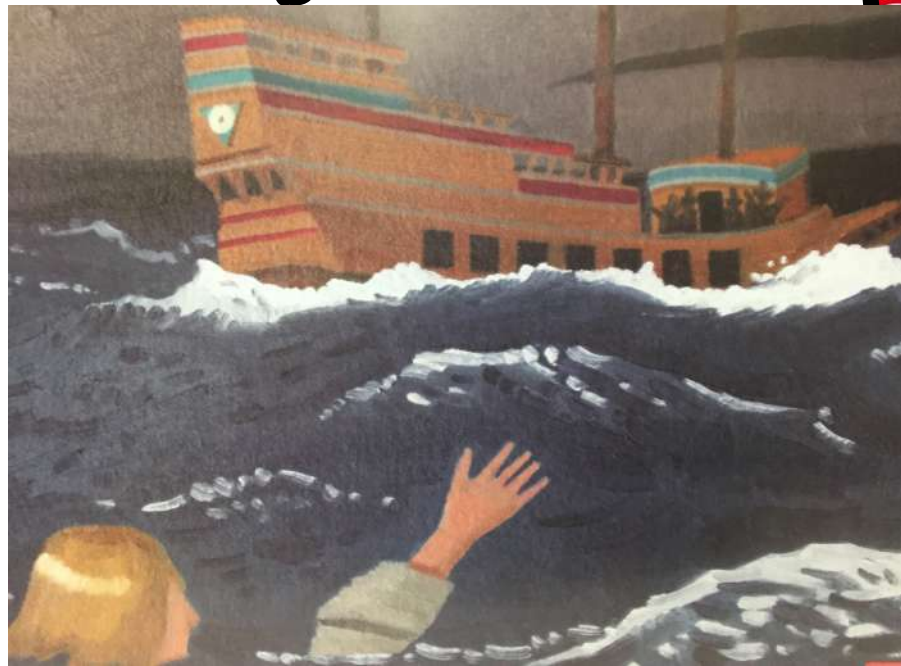


KEY TO DRAWING

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| 1. Poop deck. | 6. Crew's quarters. | 11. Captain's cabin. |
| 2. Half deck. | 7. Large hold. | 12. Beak. |
| 3. Upper deck. | 8. Special cabins. | 13. Bowsprit. |
| 4. Forecastle. | 9. Helmsman with whipstaff
controlling the tiller. | 14. Foremast. |
| 5. Main deck where most of the
Pilgrims were housed. | 10. Tiller room. | 15. Mainmast. |
| | | 16. Mizzen mast. |

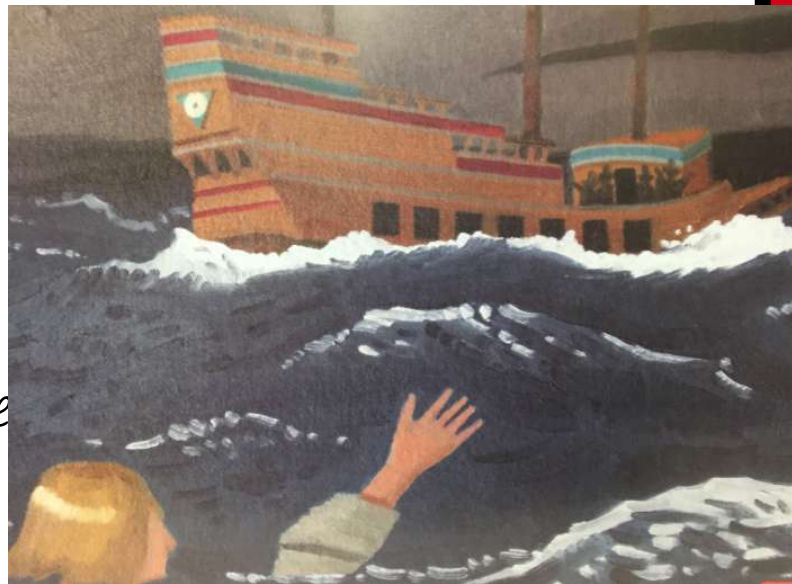
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“Man overboard!” Yelled the ship’s navigator. You heard the word navigator in an earlier lesson. Who remembers what a navigator is? Three men rushed to the side of the ship, throwing ropes toward the struggling man.



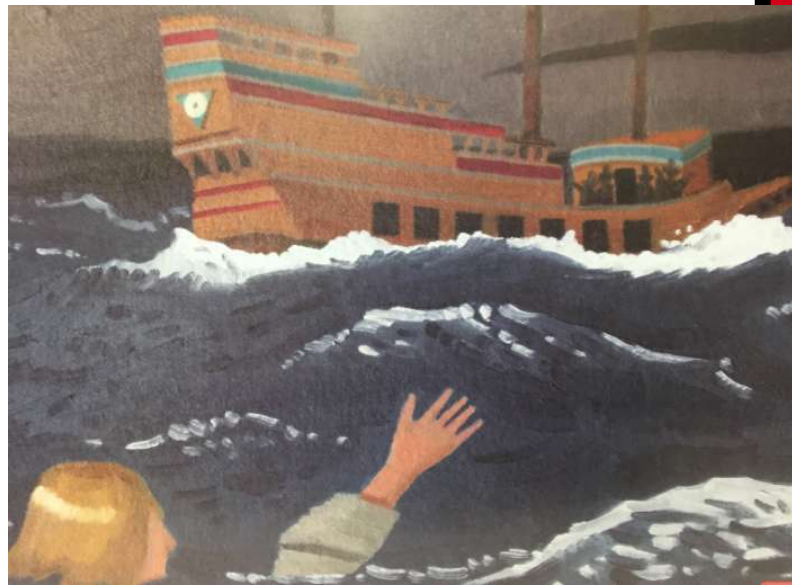
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He managed to grasp one of them and held on desperately as he disappeared beneath the water. Sputtering and gasping for air, he bobbed up to the surface, still holding the rope in his hands. The sailors drew him closer to the ship and, reaching over the side, one of the sailors grasped the man's arm and pulled him to safety.



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Fortunately, the storm soon blew itself out, but the passengers remembered their fear. After that, few of them dared to go on deck except in smooth seas.



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At last, on a clear, cold
November day, the cry went up,
“Land, ho!” They left in
September, so they’ve been on
the ship for almost two months.

“Glory to God!” The Pilgrims
cried.



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Glory means praise or honor.
They wanted to praise or honor
God for they had crossed the
wide ocean and reached the
eastern shores of North America
at last.



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The Pilgrims had no idea what to expect of the new land ahead of them, but they had heard stories of native people living there. So, while they called their destination or landing place the New World, perhaps it was not such a new world after all. Who else do you know already lives there?



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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Who were the people sailing to America? On
what continent did they start their voyage?
To what continent were they traveling?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Why were they called pilgrims?

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What was the name of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to America?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What is the difference between a cargo ship and a passenger ship? What might a passenger ship have on it that a cargo ship would not?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Were the Pilgrims comfortable as passengers on the Mayflower? Why not?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What dangers did they face on the ocean?

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Comprehension Questions:

Evaluative

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Which danger on the sea would be most frightening for you if you crossed the ocean on a ship like the Mayflower?

Think Pair. Share.



I'm going to ask you a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

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Evaluative:

Tell your partner what you think the new land will look like and whether the Pilgrims will find other people living there.

Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

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*In the read aloud you heard, the Pilgrims said, “**Glory** to
God!”*

*Say the word **glory** with me.
Whisper glory to the ceiling.
Whisper glory to your neighbor.
Let's clap it out.*

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Glory means praise or honor given to someone who is important or does something good. The Pilgrims believed that their god helped to bring them safely across the ocean, so they wanted to praise him.

If someone is the star of her basketball team, she might get a lot of glory.

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Tell me about someone important who deserves glory. Use the word glory when you tell about it.

“I think _____ deserves glory, because...”

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*What's the word we have been talking
about?*

Let's clap it out.

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I am going to name some of the people from the read aloud. If you think the person described deserves glory for his/her actions, give a thumbs up. If the person doesn't deserve glory, thumbs down.

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*The man who rescued another
man from drowning*

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*Pirates who stole from ships
on the seas*

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*Pilgrims who worked hard to
build a new home*

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*The Mayflower's navigator
who steered the ship safely
across the ocean*