

# The Wampanoag

What do you remember about the Pilgrims and their voyage across the Atlantic Ocean? What was the name of their ship? What were some of the dangers they faced?



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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.**

**I am the Mayflower. I'm the ship  
To take the Pilgrims on their trip.  
They are sailing west to the colonies  
So they can worship as they please.**



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In the previous read aloud, we learned that the Pilgrims sailed and landed in the year 1620. Let's see where that belongs on our timeline. First Columbus sailed in 1492, then the Pilgrims came in 1620. The date the Pilgrims sailed is closer to that of Columbus's voyage in 1492 than it is to today. These stories happened hundreds of years ago.



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*Listen carefully to find out what the main topic, or main idea of this lesson is.*



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The Pilgrims anchored in a harbor off the coast of what we now call Massachusetts. Do you remember what an anchor is? According to legend, when they were looking for a good spot to land, they saw a huge rock sticking out of the water near the shore. A legend is an often told story that may or may not be true.



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They used a little boat to get people off the big ship. Do you remember what the Pilgrim's ship was called?

One of them exclaimed, "That rock is dry and level. It looks like the perfect place to go shore without slipping." And so, one by one the Pilgrims climbed out onto the rock.



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They named it Plymouth Rock.  
Where have you heard the name  
Plymouth before? It was the  
name of the town in England  
where the Pilgrims started their  
voyage.



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If you visit Massachusetts today, you can still see Plymouth Rock--or at least a rock that could have been Plymouth Rock. No one really knows.



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What we do know is that when the Pilgrims first landed in America, they slept aboard the Mayflower until they could decide on the best place to start their colony. After exploring for days, they found an acceptable site. Once they were all ashore, the first thing they did was to get down on their knees.



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"Let us raise a prayer to thank God for arriving safely in our new home," they said.



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Of course, it was not really a home yet. Much difficult work lay ahead. They gathered supplies from the Mayflower and, braving cold November winds, they set about clearing the land. They rushed to build log homes before the snows of winter came, and they decided upon a name for their new settlement.



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Here the word log means something made from trees. The word log can also refer to a journal or written record of something. They named it Plymouth Colony. Why might they have chosen the name Plymouth?



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One day, as the Pilgrims were working in their new colony, two strangers stepped out from the forest. They stopped what they were doing and stared, fascinated by what they saw. Fascinated means very interested in something. The men did not look at all like them, and at first the Pilgrims were alarmed by their appearance.



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The settlers stood quietly as the men came closer and closer. They must be Native Americans, they thought to themselves. Were they friends or enemies? They weren't too sure.

Then...one of the strangers smiled!  
Suddenly the sense of danger was gone



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One of the men introduced himself as Samoset and told the colonists, the English people who lived in Plymouth Colony, that he was a member of the Wampanoag tribe of Native Americans. You learned the word tribe when we studied Native Americans. What does tribe mean? It is a group of people who share the same language, customs and beliefs.



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A few days later, Samoset reappeared with the man who would turn out to be the Pilgrims' greatest friend. How do you think he will become their greatest friend? "I am Tisquantum," he told them. Let's say his name together: "Tiss-sk-wahn-tum". "I am of the Wampanoag people, and I have come to help you."



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He held out his hand in friendship to them and, one by one, the colonists stepped forward to shake his hand. Tisquantum, or Squanto as he was called, was able to talk to the Pilgrims because he spoke English. When he was younger, he was forced by Spanish explorers to go to Spain with them. He was able to get free and travel to England, where he learned to speak English.



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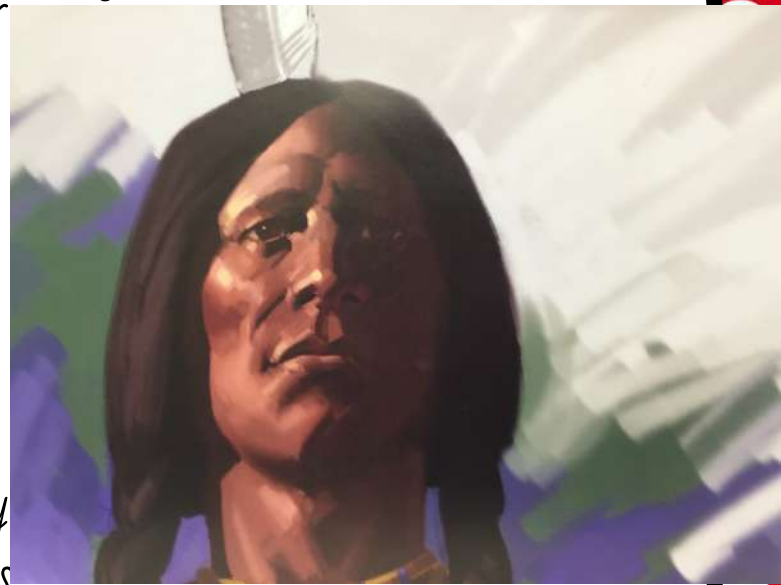
He was then able to get back to his home country.

The Pilgrims did not yet know it at this point, but life was about to get much, much easier. Their lives would get easier, in part, because Squanto was not the only Wampanoag who helped them.



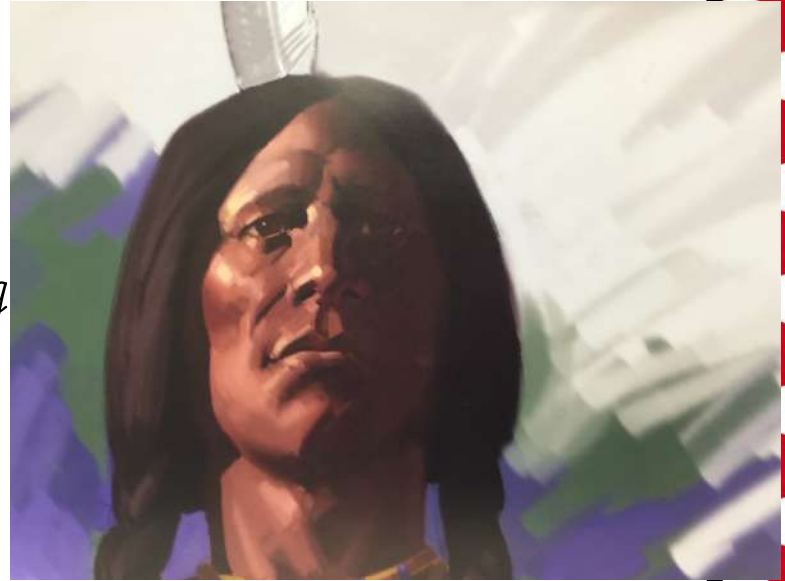
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The Wampanoag sachem (say-chum), or chief, became a great and important friend to the colonists. You also learned the word chief when we studied Native Americans. What is a chief? The chief's name was Massasoit. Massasoit gave the colonists his word that the Wampanoag tribe would gladly share their land as long as the colonists took care of it.



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"We will teach you how to live in harmony with nature," he told them. Being on friendly terms with the Wampanoag was very important to the Pilgrims' survival. Survival means being able to live. Why do you think the Pilgrims' survival was dependent upon the Wampanoag tribe? Why did the Pilgrims need the help of the Wampanoag Native Americans?



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Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

What was the main topic, or main idea, of this lesson?

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Comprehension Questions:

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PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

What is the legend of Plymouth Rock?

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Comprehension Questions:

**Evaluative**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

If you were one of the Pilgrims and had to choose a good place to start a colony, what would you look for?

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Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

How did the Pilgrims feel when they first saw Samoset come out of the forest? Why?

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Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

To which tribe of Native Americans did Squanto and Chief Massasoit belong? Where did the Wampanoag live?

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Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

Why was Squanto able to talk to the Pilgrims in their own English language?

# 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.

# Think Pair Share



**Evaluative:**

The read aloud says that the Pilgrims needed the Wampanoag in order to survive. Name some of the ways that you think the Wampanoag might help the Pilgrims survive.

# **Word Work**

*Explicit Vocabulary Instruction*

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In the read aloud you heard, "The Pilgrims were  
**fascinated** by what they saw."

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

# *The Wampanoag*

**Fascinated** means that something is so interesting, it captures your full attention.

*I am fascinated by rainbows. I just have to stop and stare when I see one.*

# *The Wampanoag*

*Tell me about something with which you are fascinated. Use the word fascinated when you tell about it.*

*“I am fascinated by...”*

## *The Wampanoag*

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

*Let's clap it out.*

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The opposite of fascinated is bored. Bored means a lack of interest in doing something. I am going to read some sentences describing different situations. If the situation describes someone who is fascinated, say "He or she is fascinated." If it describes someone who is bored, say, "He or she is bored."

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*Miguel whined that he was  
tired of waiting in line at the  
grocery store.*

## *The Wampanoag*

*Lakeesha's baby sister giggled  
and smiled ever time Lakeesha  
shook a colorful rattle.*

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*I am so interested in this  
book about castles that I  
don't even want to stop  
reading to eat dinner.*

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I fell asleep in the car on the  
way to my aunt's house  
because there was nothing to  
see out the windows.



They lived in a place we now call Massachusetts.