What do you remember from yesterday's read aloud, in which the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, working hard to build a new colony?



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.

I am Plymouth Rock and some folks say The Pilgrims stepped on me one day. Don't know if that's true but I do know That I'm the place where tourists go.



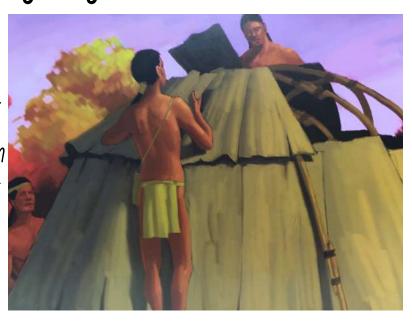
The title of today's read aloud is "Thanksgiving." Today you are going to hear a story about what many people consider to be the first Thanksgiving in America. Listen carefully to find out who celebrated the first Thanksgiving and why we still celebrate Thanksgiving in America today.



The Wampanoag tribe had lived in the area for a very long time, and they shared their wisdom, or knowledge and experience with the Pilgrims. We live on the coast more of the year," they told them, but we move inland each autumn to get away from the cold winter winds that roar in from the open sea.

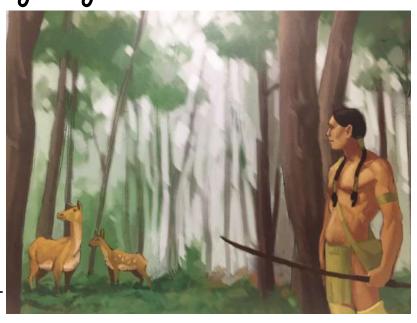


So the Wampanoag didn't live in the same home all year--they moved when the weather changed. Because their homes were made of fur and hide stretched over wooden tent poles, they simply left one set of poles in place inland and a second set in place near the ocean. They took the hide coverings back and forth between their two homes.



"In autumn," the Wampanoag told the Pilgrims, "we fish in the rivers for freshwater fish. We hunt in the forests and fields for deer, turkey, beaver, otter, and moose.

These give us fresh meat, and we also store, or put away some of it to eat during the cold, snowy winter. Fresh food is much harder to find then.



There was little time for the Pilgrims to hunt and fish now, and they worried that they may not have enough food for the winter. But the Wampanoag gladly shared meat from their hunts and fish from the sea, as well as dried fruits and nuts. Without the help of Squanto and Massasoit, the Pilgrims may never have survived that first, hard winter in the New World.



Which one was the chief of the Wampanoag tribe? Massasoit or Squanto?



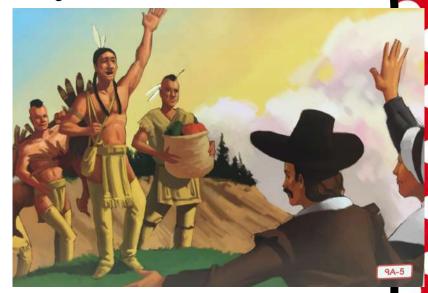
But survive they did. If they survived, does it mean the Pilgrims made it through the hard winter? And when spring came, the Wampanoag led the Pilgrims to rivers and to the sea, teaching them the best methods to catch fish. They taught them how to plant crops or vegetables that they had never seen before, including the Native American's most important crop: corn.



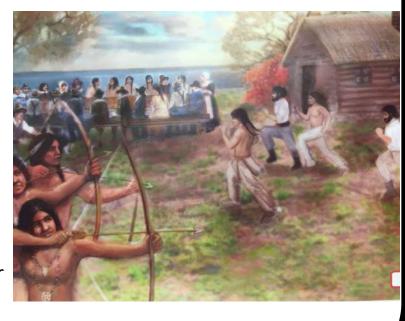
The Pilgrims and the Wampanoag managed to live peacefully as neighbors and friends. When fall came again, they gathered in their harvest. Here harvest refers to all their crops that were now ready for eating. The Pilgrims were grateful to have survived a full year. They thanked God for bringing them to this new land where they could live freely, following their own religion.



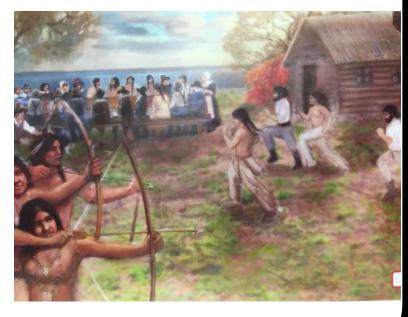
The Pilgrims held a three day harvest celebration, or party, and invited the Wampanoag friends to join them for the feast.



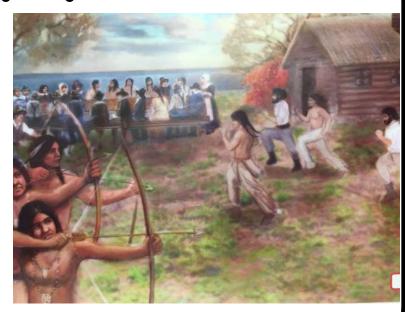
The story of the members of the Wampanoag tribe gathered around the Pilgrims' table, feasting together that fall day in 1621, is told over and over again in America. It is a little like the story of Plymouth Rock. Who remembers what we call those traditional stories that may or may not be true?



We are not sure of the details. We do know that the Native Americans had celebrated a harvest festival for hundreds of years before the Europeans arrived. This was probably the first time that Europeans and Native Americans celebrated together.



We still celebrate this feast in modern times once a year. Can you guess what we call this feast?



This feast that took place in Massachusetts nearly four hundred years ago has become known as the first Thanksgiving. Every November, all across America, families and friends gather together on Thanksgiving Day to give thanks and remember the long ago friendship between the Wampanoags and the Pilgrims.



To Americans, that first
Thanksgiving is important because it represents the best of the United
States of America: different types of people living together peacefully and learning from one another.
Even though the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag were very different, they shared the land and their food with one another.



Comprehension Questions:

PLease answer in COMPLETE SENTENCES

The read aloud tells us that the Wampanoag moved their homes between the ocean and the inland forests. When did they do this and

Comprehension Questions:

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How did the Pilgrims survive the first winter in the New World?

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PLease answer in complete sentences.

How did the Wampanoag share their wisdom with the Pilgrims? In other words, what did the Wampanoag people teach the Pilgrims to do?

Comprehension Questions:

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PLease answer in complete sentences.

What did the Pilgrims decide to do to celebrate surviving their first full year, including winter?

Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLease answer in complete sentences.

We still celebrate this feast every year in November. What is it called?

Comprehension Questions:

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Turkey and corn are both traditional foods to have on Thanksgiving Day. Why do you think that is?

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.







If you were a member of the Wampanoag tribe, how would you have felt about the Pilgrims coming to settle on your land? What would you say to the Pilgrims?



Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

In the read aloud you heard, "The Pilgrims held a three day harvest **celebration**."

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



Celebration is another word for party, especially one to mark a special date.

My school had a celebration at the end of the school year.

Tell me about a celebration that you have had. Use the word celebration when you tell about it.

"One celebration I attended was"

What's the word we have been talking about?

Let's clap it out.

I am going to read some sentences. If the sentence describes a celebration, put your thumbs up. If it is not a celebration, thumbs down.

Mom took my sister and me to the dentist.

We waved flags and watched
We waved flags and watched fireworks on the Fourth of
July.

Thanksgiving
My parents went out for dinner on their wedding
dinner on their wedding
anniversary.

Carlos swam across the pool with his friends.

Thanksgiving
Penny invited friends to eat cake with her on her birthday.
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