

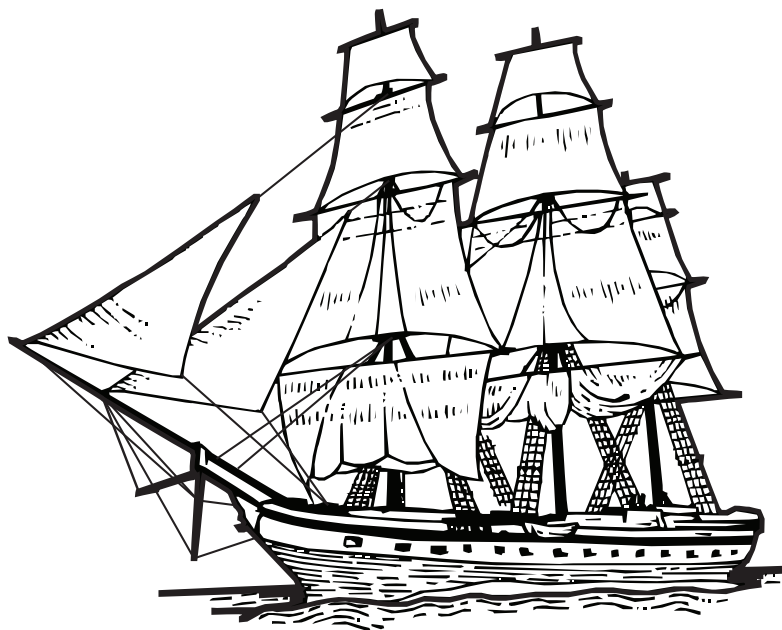
First Thanksgiving

In September 1620 the Pilgrims set sail from England. They left their homes because they could not worship in the way they liked. Their faith was important to them. So they boarded the *Mayflower*. All 102 of them knew that they were taking a big risk. They had to cross a huge, stormy sea in a wooden ship. Their trip was hard. But the worst was yet to come.

The Pilgrims reached land in December. They landed in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts. They hurried to build huts. They had to keep out of the cold and snow. They couldn't stay warm enough. They did not have much food. Most of them got sick. Many of them died. Just 57 Pilgrims were still alive in spring.

Then two Native Americans came to their homes. One was Samoset. The other was Squanto. These two men helped the Pilgrims. They showed them how to hunt for deer, rabbits, and turkeys. They showed the newcomers what plants they could eat. They also pointed out plants that would help with illness.

Best of all, the Native Americans gave the Pilgrims corn, squash, and bean seeds. This let the people grow crops. That fall the Pilgrims had a good harvest. They knew that they could make it through the coming winter. They were glad. So they asked 90 Native American friends to come to a big meal. It lasted for three days! This feast was the first Thanksgiving. The people thanked God for their life in the New World.



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1. Why did the Pilgrims come to the New World?
 - a. They wanted to worship in their own way.
 - b. They were hungry and had no food.
 - c. They were poor and homeless.
2. Samoset and Squanto helped the Pilgrims
 - a. before they came to the New World.
 - b. when they first arrived in Plymouth.
 - c. after their first winter in Plymouth.
3. The Pilgrims invited Native Americans to the first Thanksgiving because the Native Americans
 - a. were mad at them, and the Pilgrims hoped it would make things better.
 - b. had helped them to have good crops.
 - c. had moved into their village and were living in the Pilgrims' homes.
4. The first Thanksgiving took place in 1620. True or False? Tell why.

5. Look at the painting. Where did the feast take place? Tell about two of the head coverings the people wore at the feast.

6. Would you have liked to have been at the first Thanksgiving? Why or why not?

Answer Key *(cont.)*

lights are used by everyone every day. It's not every day that you need to use a block and tackle; etc.

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1. a 2. c 3. b
4. False. The Pilgrims arrived in December 1620.
OR False. The first Thanksgiving took place after the crops were harvested in 1621.
5. The feast took place in the Pilgrims' village. It was probably held outdoors because the homes weren't big enough for so many people. Many of the people at the feast are wearing something on their heads. The Native American men are wearing headbands with feathers (headdresses). The Pilgrim women are wearing bonnets. The Pilgrim men are wearing tall hats with wide brims. One man is wearing a metal helmet.
(any two)
6. Yes, I would have liked to have been at the first Thanksgiving because I think it would be thrilling to live through such a happy event in history; I would have liked to taste the food they ate; I would like to meet the Pilgrims/Native Americans in person; etc. OR No, I would not have liked to have been at the first Thanksgiving because I wouldn't want to have lived back then. So few people survived through the first winter. The Pilgrims were so happy because they had been through such a bad time. I wouldn't have wanted to be there during that bad time! etc.

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1. a 2. b 3. c
4. True. The bigger the object, the stronger the gravity. Earth is much smaller than the sun.
5. The biggest planet is Jupiter. The planet near us that is a similar size to Earth is Venus.
6. I would prefer to fly in a helicopter because I have never been in one; it doesn't go as high as an airplane; I could land in more places; I could see something (like the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, etc) from the sky; I have never been in one before and would like to try it; etc. OR I would prefer to fly in a jet airplane because it goes faster; it can go farther than a helicopter (such as across the

nation); there is room to get up and move around on a jet; I have never been in one before and would like to try it; etc.

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1. b 2. b 3. a
4. True. Their first flight was in December 1903. The flight-show postcard was written in October 1909, which is more than five years later.
5. Bobby is writing to his grandma, Mrs. Neil Watson. Bobby was thrilled to meet the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur.
6. Yes, I would have liked to have been with Bobby at the flight show because it would be wonderful to see the earliest airplanes; I would have liked to meet the Wright brothers; in those days a flight show would have been a thrilling, once-in-a-lifetime event; back then there was no TV or radio, so a flight show was a great form of entertainment; etc. OR No, I wouldn't have liked to have been with Bobby at the flight show because I am scared of/don't enjoy airplanes; it wouldn't be thrilling to me since the planes back then couldn't do tricks like the Blue Angels do today; etc.

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1. b 2. c 3. a
4. True. Susan died 14 years before the 19th Amendment gave all U.S. women the right to vote.
5. The sign is aimed at men because only men can vote. The sign urges them to vote to give women the right to vote. The vote will take place on September 3, 1912.
6. Yes, the voting age should be younger. I think that it should be (insert age) because teenagers/ children are citizens, too. Their voices should be heard and their opinions should count; etc. OR No, the voting age should not be made younger. Kids and teens aren't grown up enough to understand all the issues and make wise choices. Most kids would just vote the way their parents wanted them to. So people who had more children would have more votes; etc.