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In Search of a New World

Mayflower 400 Activity Pack



Introduction

The Mayflower set sail for the 'New World' from Southampton in 1620, some 400 years ago! Learn about the Mayflower Passengers, their journey across the Atlantic and the Native American's they met when they arrived in America.



Mayflower II ©National Mayflower 400

These activities are designed so that you can either work through them one at a time or, if you'd prefer, you can dip in and out of the things you like the look of most.

The 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower from the UK to the New World takes place in 2020. The anniversary, known as Mayflower 400, is an opportunity to celebrate Southampton, a city and a community, built on journeys and migration. Find out more about what is planned in Southampton here:

www.visitsouthampton.co.uk/mayflower-400

Good luck and have fun!

The Southampton Cultural Services Learning Team



About the Mayflower

The Mayflower and her sister ship, The Speedwell, set sail from West Quay on 15 August 1620, carrying 102 passengers. There were 74 men, 28 women and 31 children on the Mayflower, with one child being born during the voyage (aptly named Oceanus).

Southampton was a thriving seaport offering all the commercial facilities to provision and equip for the long sea voyage. There were concerns about the Speedwell, which needed repairs after developing a leak. The two ships didn't get very far when the Speedwell began to take on water again. They changed course for Dartmouth. Unfortunately, the second attempt did not go as hoped either. The Mayflower and the Speedwell were 300 miles clear of Land's End when the smaller ship yet again began leaking badly. The two boats turned about for Plymouth. The Speedwell was finally declared unfit for the journey. Some of the Pilgrims dropped out. The Mayflower took 66 days to cross the Atlantic.

Upon arrival the settlers drew up the Mayflower Compact. Signed by 41 men on board, the compact was an agreement to cooperate for the general good of the colony. They would deal with issues by voting and rule by the majority.

The native inhabitants of the region around Plymouth Colony were the various groups of the Wampanoag people and other tribes, who had lived there for some 10,000 years before the Europeans arrived. The Mayflower passengers stumbled upon a village, once called Patuxet, which had been deserted following the outbreak of disease. They decided this place would be where they settled and began construction of their first buildings.

During March 1621, an English speaking member of the Wampanoag, entered the grounds of the Plymouth colony and introduced himself. He is said to have asked for a beer and spent the night talking with the settlers! Not long after a neighbouring tribe, the Narragansett, sent the Plymouth colony a threat of arrows wrapped up in snake skin. William Bradford, who was governor of the colony at the time, filled the snake skin with powder and bullets and sent it back. The Narragansett knew what this message meant, and would not attack the colony.

As a result of this, an historic peace treaty was established and the Wampanoag went on to teach the settlers how to hunt, plant crops and how to get the best of their harvest, saving the Pilgrims from starvation. Following a bumper harvest in the autumn of 1621, there was a three-day festival of prayer. Both groups gathered for a huge feast in what was to become known as the first Thanksgiving.



Mayflower in Numbers

Draw a line between the question and the correct answer!

What year did the Mayflower sail?

How many Passengers did the Mayflower carry to the New World?

How many days did it take to get from Plymouth to the New World?

How many women were on the Mayflower?

How many men signed the Mayflower Compact?

What day of August did the ships leave Southampton?

How many times did they have to return to shore to fix the Speedwell?

How many children were on the Mayflower?

How many miles past Land's End were they when they had to turn back to Plymouth?

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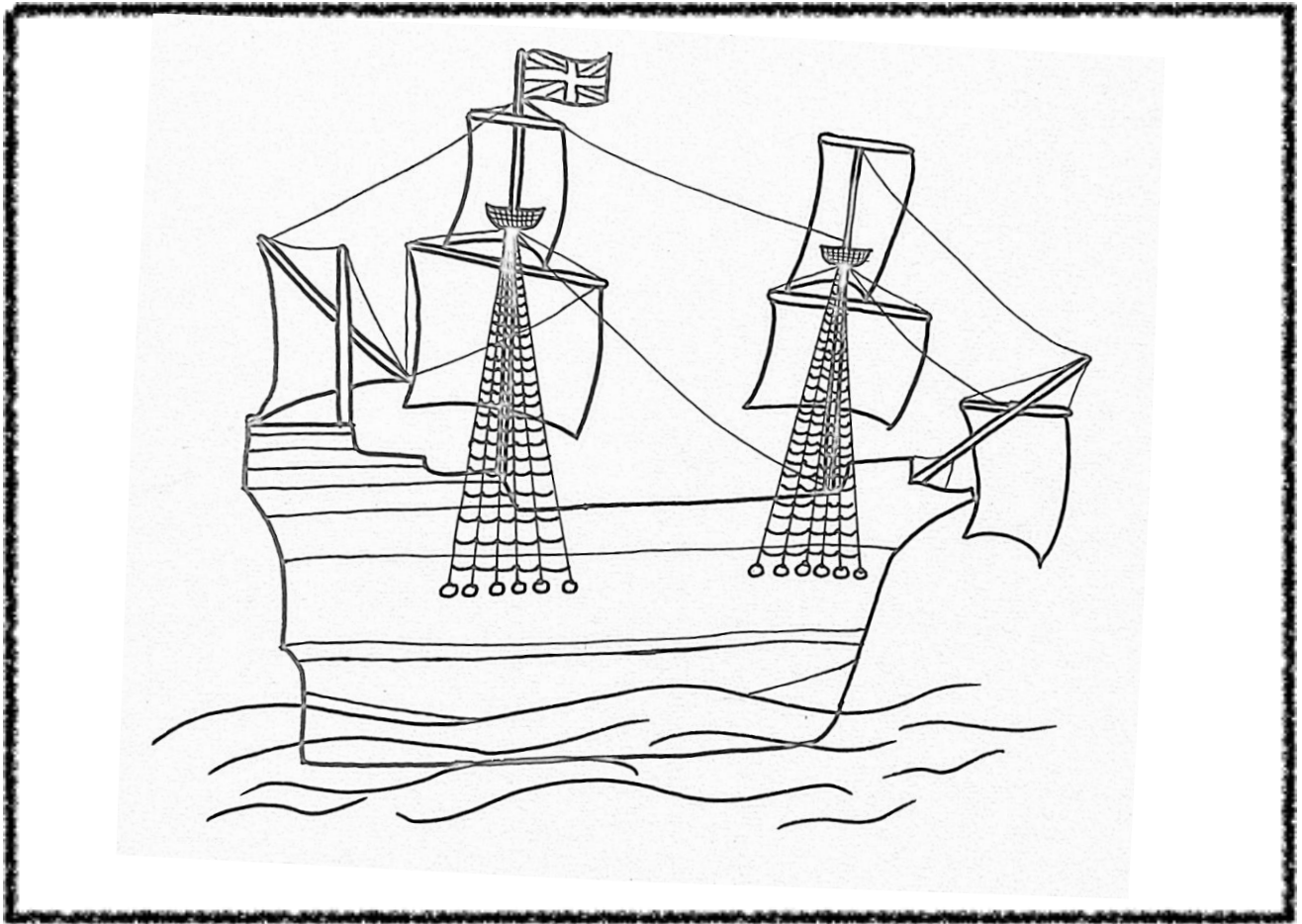
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Colour in the Mayflower

Can you colour in this drawing of the Mayflower?



The Mayflower's journey across the Atlantic was long, cramped and afflicted by storms and seasickness. Find out more about the Passengers on board here:

<https://www.mayflower400uk.org/education/mayflower-passengers-list-an-interactive-guide/>



Mayflower Compact

The Mayflower compact was an agreement written when the settlers first arrived at the Plymouth Colony. They would deal with issues by voting and rule by the majority. Basically a set of rules to live by, for the good of everyone in the community.

What rules would you set if you were building a new community?

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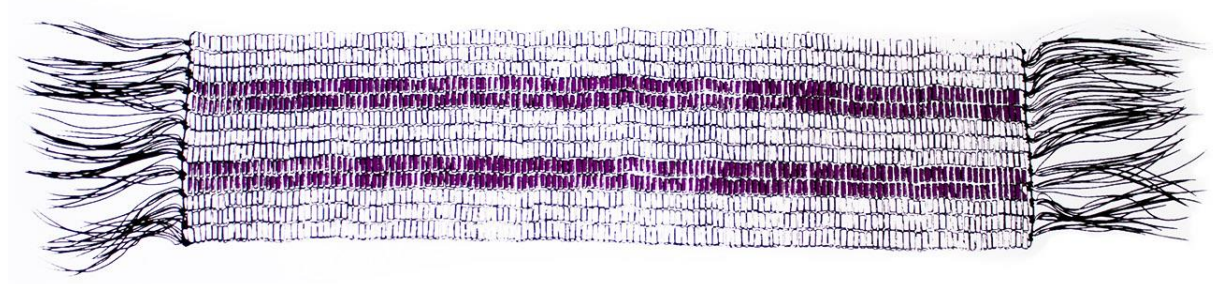
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Wampum Belt

Wampum belts are stories of communities, history, art and culture of the Native Americans who share their story through wampum - the sacred shells of Native America. There was no written language, so wampum belts were an important way of keeping and passing down histories.

Example Belt:



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Use the grid to create your own belt, only using white and purple colours, to tell the story of an important moment in your life

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Mayflower Wordsearch

Find all the words listed below in the grid, they may go forwards, backward, up, down or diagonal!

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Maritime

Mayflower

Migration

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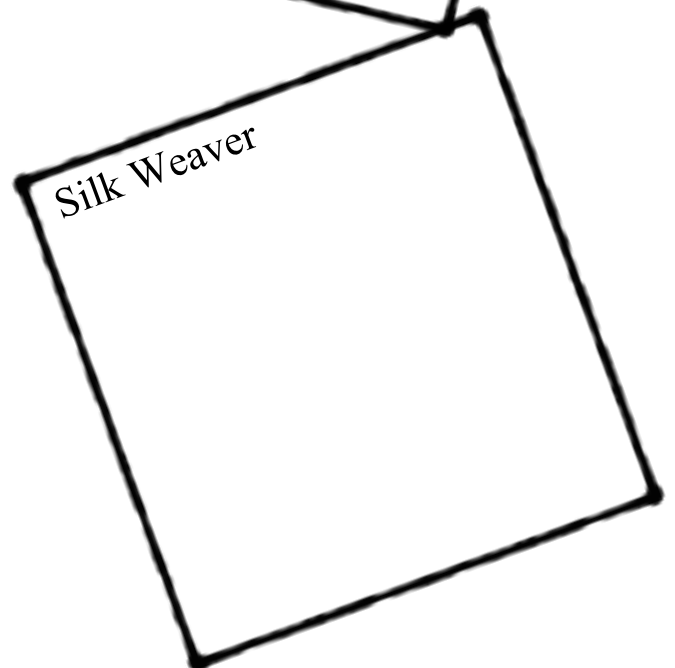
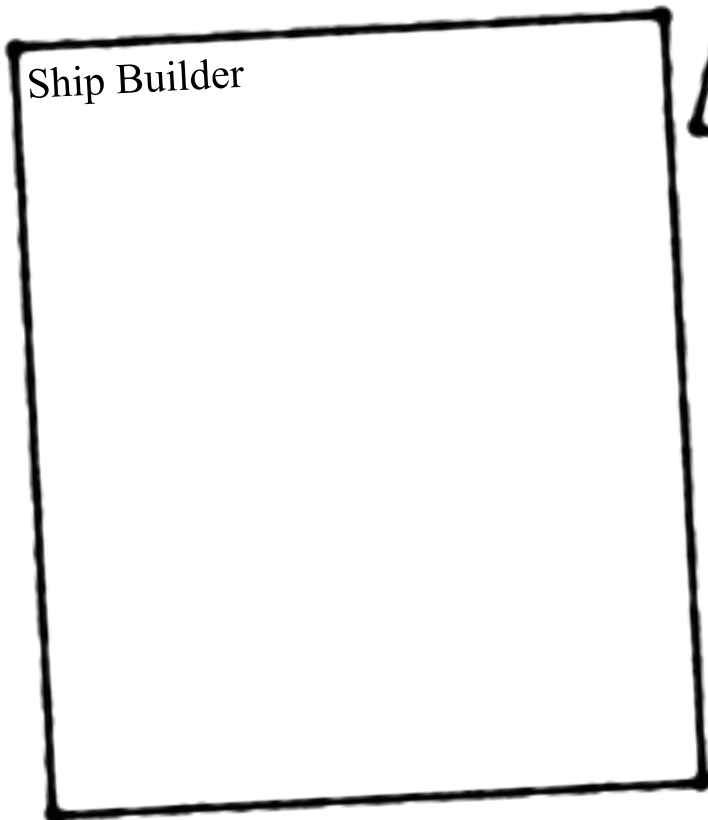
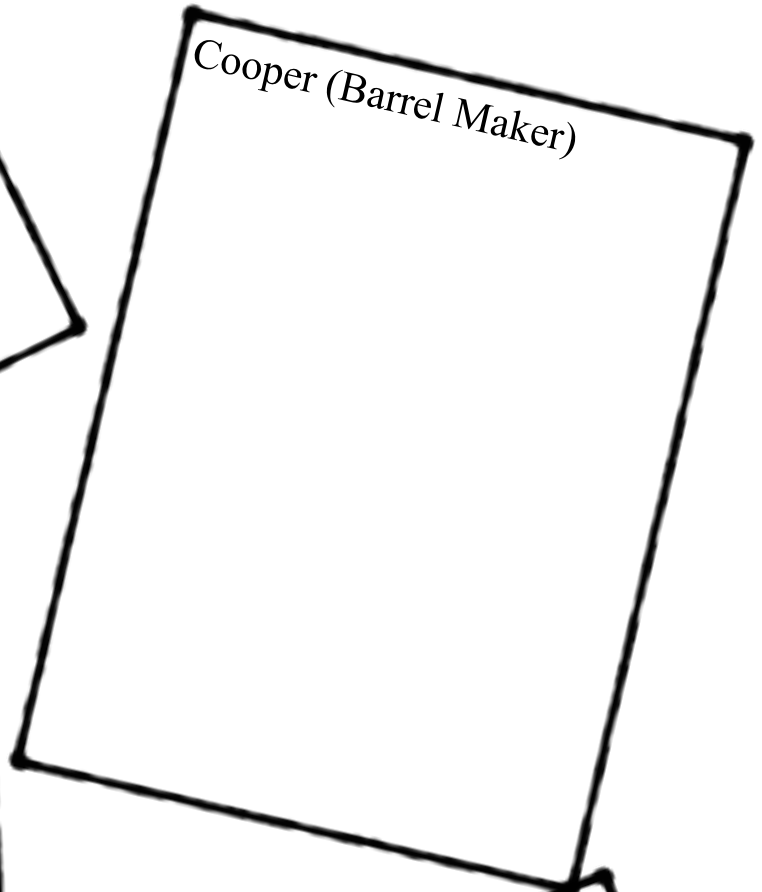
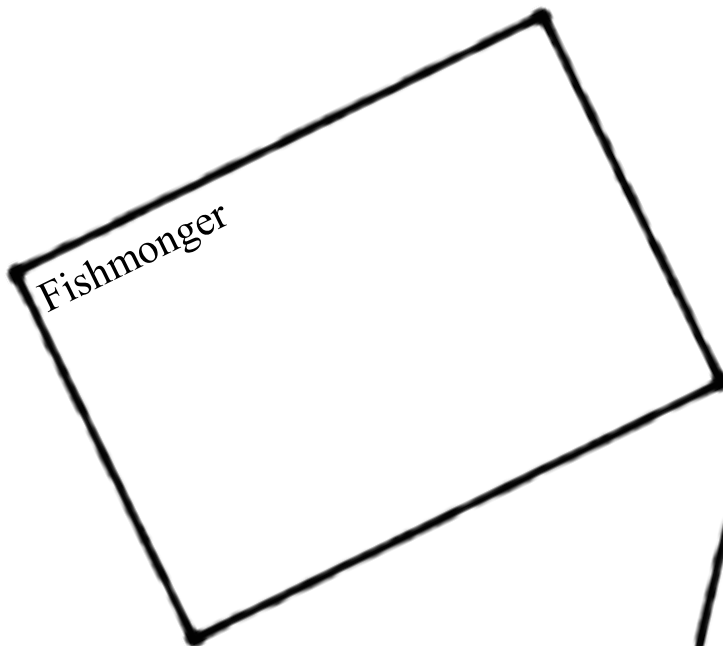
West Quay

Bonus Question! Using the letters in the blue squares, can you guess the name of the child born during the Mayflower's Journey? _ _ _ _ _



Southampton in 1620

Draw pictures to depict these 1620 professions in Southampton.



Journal Entry

Most of what we know about the Mayflower passengers and their time in America is thanks to William Bradford's Journal, where he documented everything the settlers did in the early years. Try writing your own journal entry about your day:

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Complete the Drawing

When the Mayflower Passengers arrived at Cape Cod, they were met by the Wampanoag Tribespeople who were natives to the area. Have a go at recreating half of this depiction of a Wampanoag Hut.



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These huts are also known as **Wetu**. Find out more about Wampanoag life:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmisO7pdMW4>



Mayflower in Southampton

Southampton was a much smaller town in 1620 but there are lots buildings you can still go in and see that are still here 400 years later!



Tudor House



God's House Tower



The Bargate

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There are lots of buildings and places in Southampton that have Mayflower in their name because of this ship.



Mayflower Cruise Terminal



Mayflower Theatre



Mayflower Court

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There is also a monument which was erected in 1913 in memory of the Mayflower and it's passengers. Find it opposite Mayflower Park. Behind the monument there are Mayflower daffodils and a Pilgrim Apple tree, planted in 2020 to mark the 400th Anniversary of the ships sailing.



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Answers

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How many Passengers did the Mayflower carry to the New World? **102**

How many days did it take to get from Plymouth to the New World? **66**

How many women were on the Mayflower? **28**

How many men signed the mayflower compact? **41**

What day of August did the ships leave Southampton? **15**

How many times did they have to return to shore to fix the Speedwell? **2**

How many children were on the Mayflower? **31**

How many miles past Land's End were they when they had to turn back to Plymouth? **300**

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Bonus: Oceanus

