

Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants

JUNIOR MEMBER QUARTERLY

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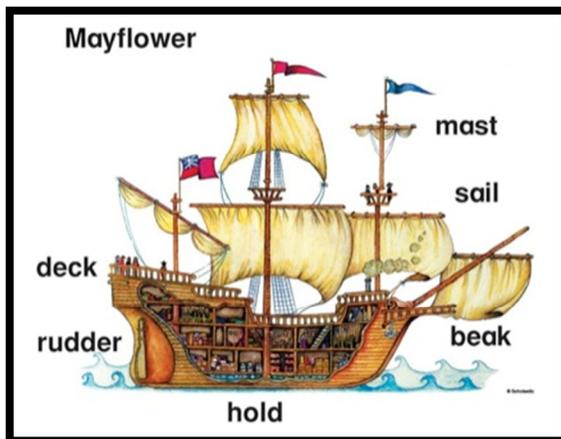


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Who Were the Pilgrims?

The Pilgrims were a group of English people who came to America seeking religious freedom during the reign of King James I. After two attempts to leave England and move to Holland, a Separatist group was finally relocated to Amsterdam where they stayed for about one year. From there, the group moved to the town of Leiden,

Holland, where they remained for about ten years, able to worship as they wished under lenient Dutch law.



Fearing their children were losing their English heritage and religious beliefs, the resumption of war and their inability as non-citizens to find decent jobs, a small group from the Leiden church made plans to settle in Northern Virginia - as New England was known at the time. In August 1620 the group sailed for

Southampton, England, where other English colonists who hoped to make a new life in America met them.

They planned to make the crossing to America in two ships, the Speedwell and Mayflower. However, after many problems the Speedwell was forced to return to England where the group was reorganized. In their second attempt to cross the Atlantic, they boarded the Mayflower in September 1620 bound for the New World. They arrived as winter was settling in and endured significant hardships as they struggled to establish a successful colony at Plymouth.

Are you planning a visit to Plymouth this summer? As a Mayflower descendant or a Mayflower Junior, you and members of your extended family are invited to take part in a special Pilgrim event which is held on the first four Friday evenings in August (August 5, 12, 19 and 27). The event begins at 4:15 pm at the Mayflower House located in Plymouth. There you will dress in costume to represent one of the 51 Pilgrim survivors of that first winter. In costume, and to the beat of the drummer accompanying the procession, you will walk to Plymouth Rock, continue along Water Street, and up Leyden Street to Town Square which is the beginning of Main Street. Your procession, which re-creates the Pilgrims' procession to church, will then continue to and end at Burial Hill. This procession has been a popular yearly event since 1921. We would love to have you join us on each of the August 2016 Fridays.

MAYFLOWER CHILDREN

& THE FIRST NEW ENGLAND WINTER



There were a number of children among the passengers of the Mayflower. This was of great importance to the survival of Plymouth Colony. Many of the children had become accustomed to hard labor since they needed to work in Leiden to help support their families. As with many immigrant families in 17th century Holland, the Pilgrim Fathers were generally hired for the lowest paying occupations.

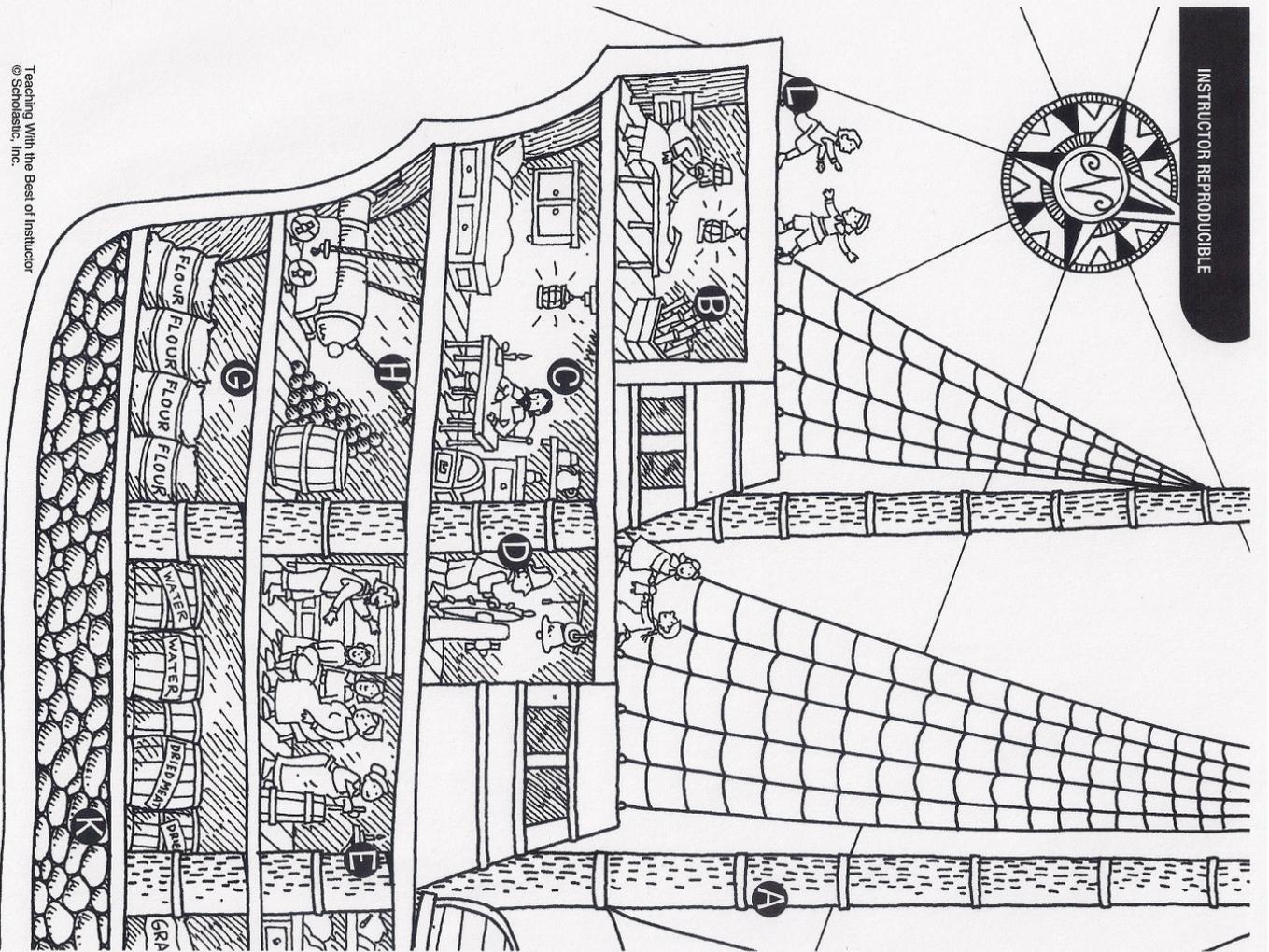
When the struggling group of colonists faced the cruelties of the first New England winter with its illnesses and deaths, it was the children who many times stepped in to assist the adults. Undoubtedly, brave young souls were kept busy tending the sick, fetching firewood and water, helping to prepare food and doing whatever was necessary.

There were fewer deaths among the children that first cruel winter, which ultimately increased the chances of survival for the struggling colony.

Children on the Mayflower who left descendants with approximate ages:

Bartholomew Allerton (7)	Giles Hopkins (12)
Remember Allerton (5)	Elinor More (8)
Francis Billington (14)	Jasper More (7)
Love Brewster (13)	Richard More (6)
Mary Chilton (13)	Mary More (4)
John Cooke (13)	Priscilla Mullins (17)
Mary Allerton (3) Cushman	Joseph Rogers (17)
Samuel Eaton (1)	Elizabeth Tilley (13)
Samuel Fuller (12) son of Edward Fuller	Peregrine White (born aboard)
Constance Hopkins (14)	Resolved White (5)

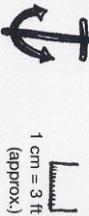
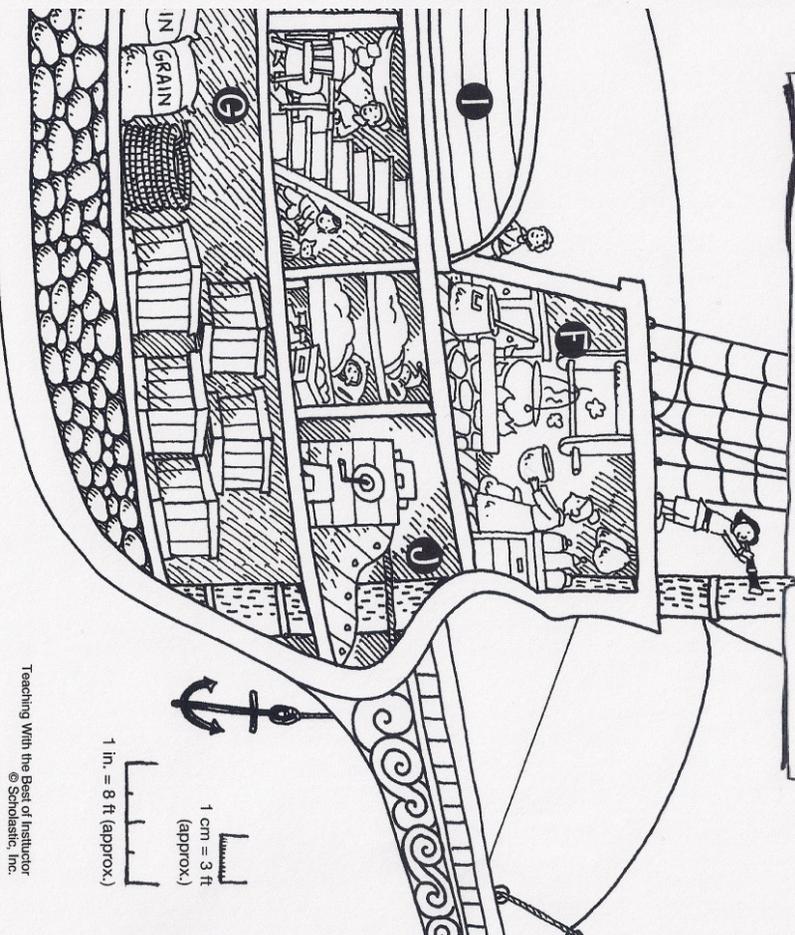




The Mayflower, 1620

A sailing ship meant to carry cargo, the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 30 sailors and 102 Pilgrims, including 32 children, to voyage to America.

- A Mast** made from a strong tree, supports the ship and sails
- B Round House** where charts were kept and the ship's course plotted
- C Great Cabin** where the captain slept
- D Steerage** where sailors slept, using a tiller and compass
- E Tween Decks** where the Pilgrims ate and slept
- F Fore'sle (FOLK-still)** where the crew's meals were cooked
- G Hold** where the supplies were stored
- H Gun Room** where guns and ammunition were stored
- I Shallop** a small boat used for exploring and for going ashore
- J Windlass** a simple machine used to lift the ship's anchor
- K Ballast** rocks that helped to keep the ship stable
- L Deck** the top open-air level of the ship



1 in. = 8 ft (approx.)

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