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The Pilgrims



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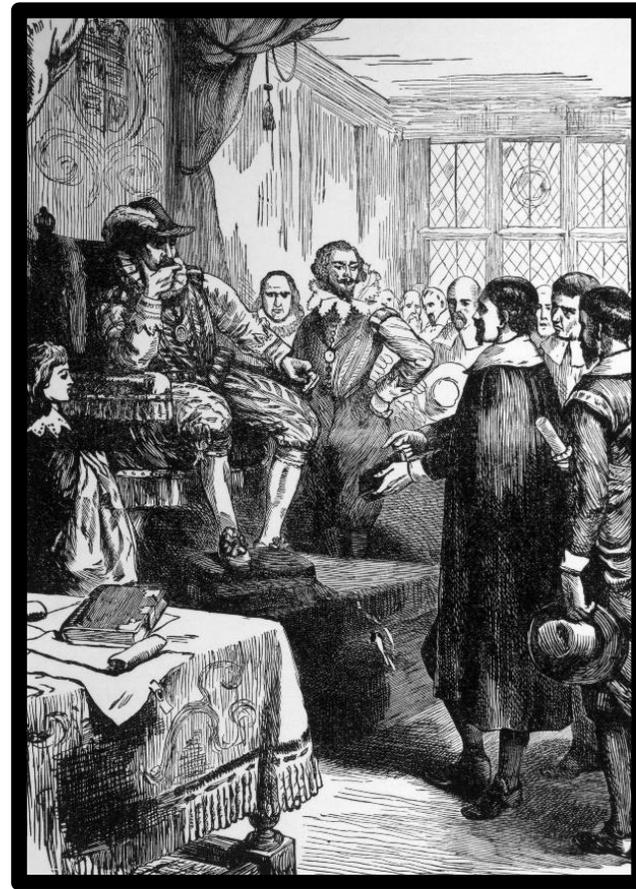
The Pilgrims were from England. They were the first people to move to America. They started a settlement.



The Pilgrims moved to America because of **religion**. There was only one religion allowed in England. It was the Church of England.



The Pilgrims did not like the Church of England. They had their own religion. They were **Separatists**.



The Pilgrims asked King James if they could have their own religion. King James said, "NO".



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The Pilgrims could have their own religion in America. They moved to America. They sailed across the Atlantic Ocean. Their ship was called the **Mayflower**.



There were no rules in America. The Pilgrims made rules. The rules were called the **Mayflower Compact**.



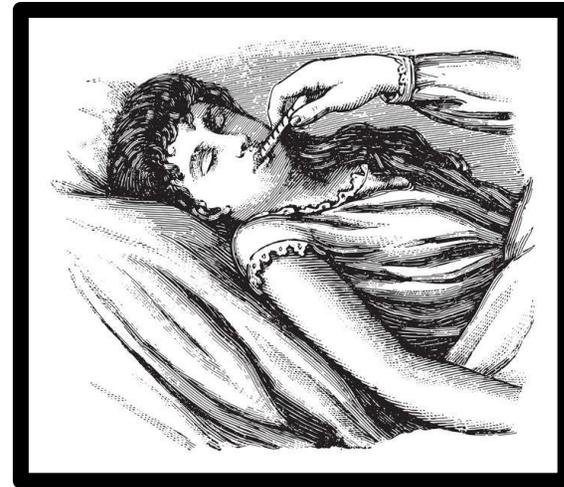
The Pilgrims landed in America in December of 1620. The Pilgrims got off the ship. They stepped on a rock. They named it **Plymouth Rock**. They called their settlement Plymouth.



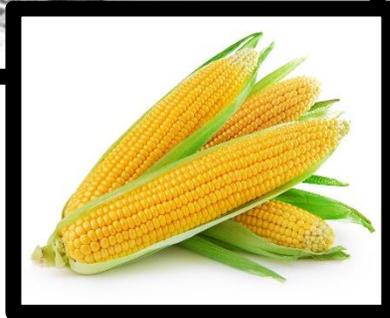
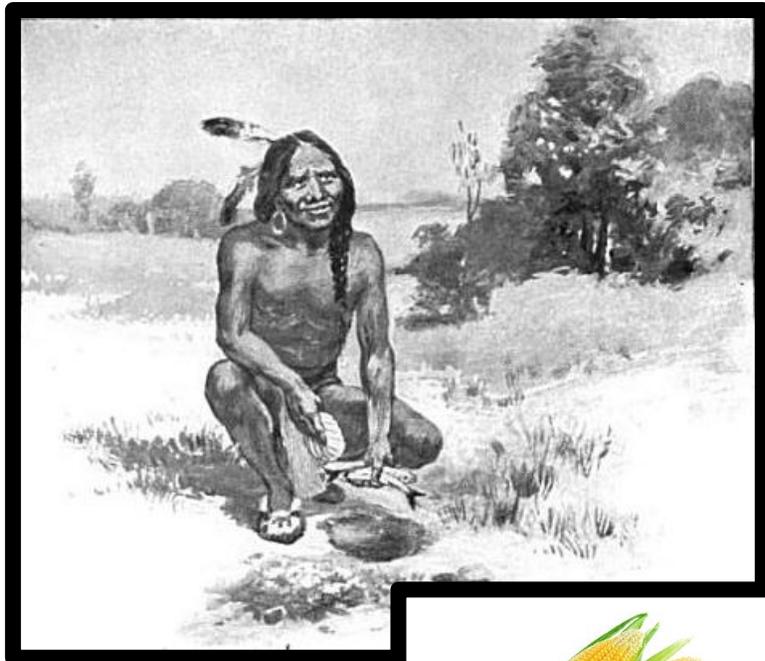
There were no cities in **Plymouth, Massachusetts**. There were no houses, stores, or doctors. The Pilgrims had to build their new settlement in the forest.



The Pilgrims lived on their ship. They tried to build houses and barns. It was **winter**. They did not have a lot of food.



It was very cold. A lot of Pilgrims got sick with **pneumonia**. Many Pilgrims died.



In the spring, the Pilgrims needed to grow food. Squanto was a Native American. He taught the Pilgrims how to grow corn and other vegetables.

The vegetables grew all summer. In the fall, the Pilgrims had a good harvest. They had food to eat.



The Native Americans helped the Pilgrims a lot. The Pilgrims were very grateful.



The Pilgrims and Native Americans celebrated the harvest. They prepared a feast. This is called the first **Thanksgiving**.



William Bradford was a Pilgrim leader. He wrote about the Pilgrims in Plymouth. That is how we know about the Pilgrims today.



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