

Life in Plymouth, Massachusetts



“O Beautiful for Pilgrim’s Feet”

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“America the Beautiful.” GP Putnam’s Sons.*

The Pilgrims’ new town was called Plymouth after a town in England.

Plymouth houses were similar to houses in England.

In the first year, many Pilgrims got sick and died.

The next year, the Wampanoag Indians helped the Pilgrims.

The Indians were the Pilgrims’ teachers.

The Indians helped the Pilgrims build houses, grow plants, and hunt animals.

Life was better in Plymouth the next year.



A photo of Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, MA, a recreation of the original Plymouth colony.

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The Pilgrims' Life Gets Better



"The First Thanksgiving 1621"
by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris.

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The Indians helped the Pilgrims with many things.

The next autumn, the Pilgrims had a big harvest.

There was a lot of food to eat.

The Pilgrims were very happy.

They were thankful to the Indians for their help.

They had a big feast together.

The Indians gave them more food.

We call the first feast Thanksgiving.

Richard More—A Pilgrim’s Story

Read the question word.

Read the sentence.

Circle the correct answer.



Example:

Who? The Pilgrims were 102 French / Spanish / **English** people.

What? My name is George / Maria / Richard.

Where? I came from France / Spain / England.

When? I came to North America in 1820 / 1720 / 1620.

How? I came here by car / train / boat.

How long? . . The trip took two hours / days / months.

Who? Colonists / immigration officers / American Indians helped us.

Why? We came here for jobs / U.S. Passports / religious freedom.

And one more question:

Richard, **how** did you feel when you arrived in North America?

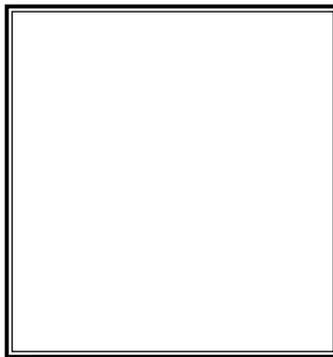
We felt hot / busy / thankful when we arrived.

My Immigrant Story

Read the question.

Write the answer.

Ask your teacher for help with new words.



_____ *My name*

What's your name? My name is _____.

Where are you from? I am from _____.

When did you come here? I came here _____.

How did you come here? I came here by _____.

How long did the trip take? The trip took _____.

Who helped you in the United States? _____ helped me.

Why did you come here? I came here _____.

for freedom

for jobs

because of a war

for opportunity

for my children

because of an earthquake

for my family

for my health

because of a hurricane

for education

for a better life

because of a famine

for peace

because of a tsunami

And one last question:

How did you feel when you arrived? . . . I felt _____.

excited

happy

relieved

thankful

proud

tired

thirsty

hungry

sick

worried

sad

lonely

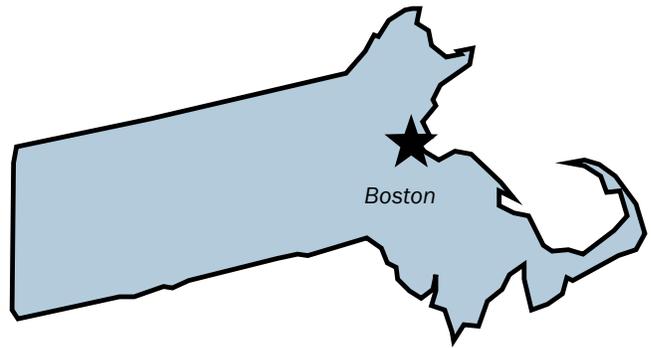
homesick

scared

confused

Massachusetts

The Commonwealth of
Massachusetts



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Massachusetts is one of the 13 original states.

Mass _____ is one of _____ 13 original st _____.

_____ 13 _____.

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Massachusetts is on the East Coast of the United States.

Ma _____ is on the E _____ C _____ of the United States.

_____ East Coast _____.

Find the place.
Write the name.

Europe North America Atlantic Ocean

