

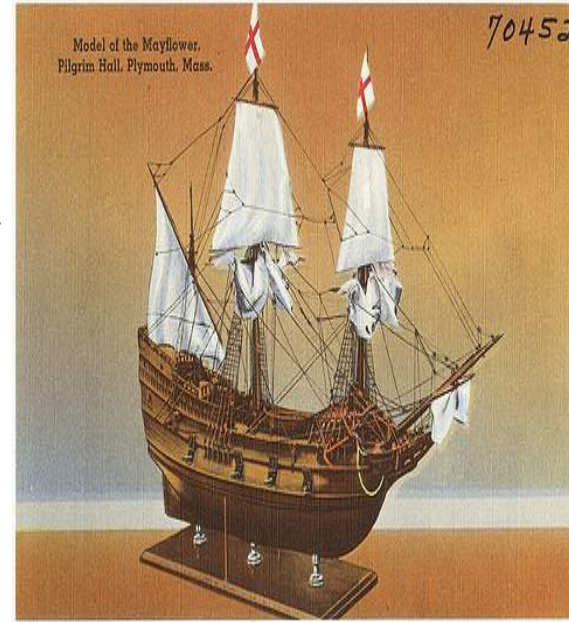
The Thanksgiving Story



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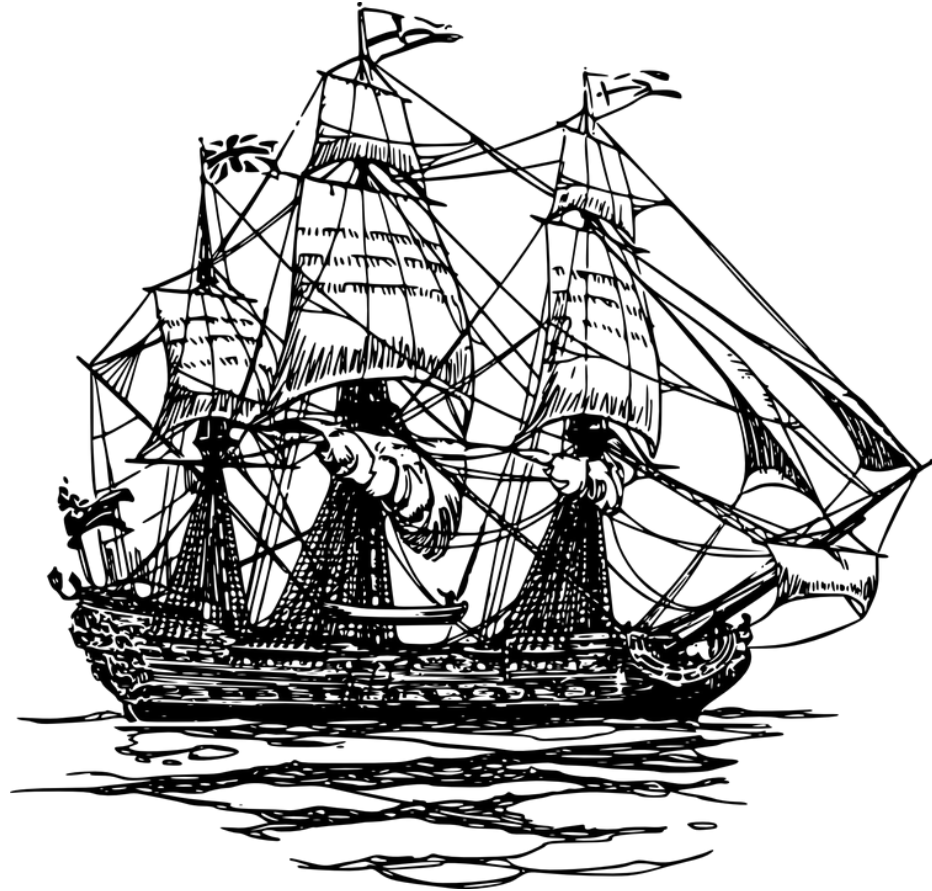
Going to America

In 1620 two ships set sail from England to America. The ships names were the Speedwell and the mayflower. They started out but they didn't get far because the Speedwell leaked. Then some people went from the speedwell to the Mayflower. Then they had 102 passengers. They were leaving england for lots of reasons. Some left because they wanted adventure. Others wanted to leave england because it was too crowded and others left because they wanted to worship God in their own way.



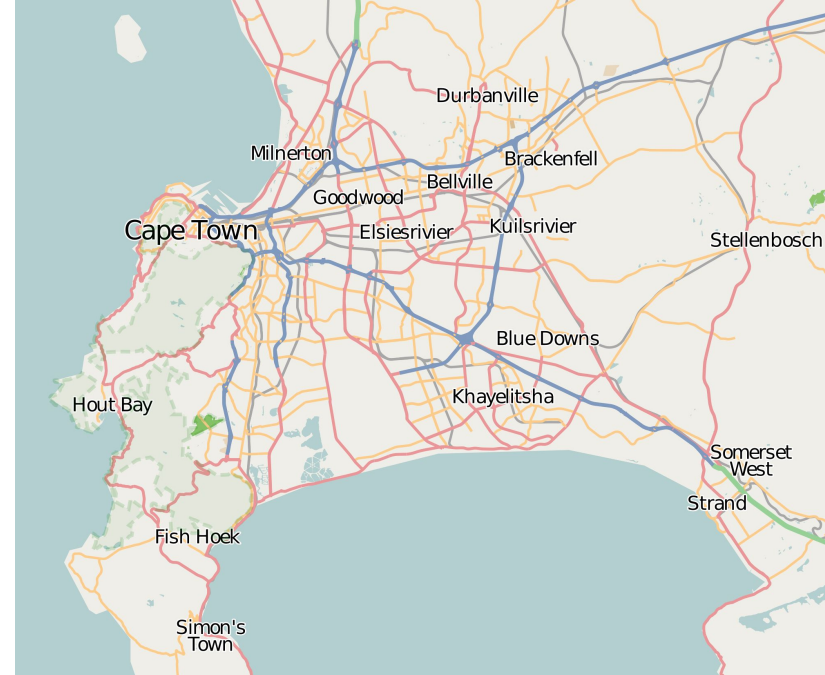
The Journey Over

The journey was not fun because there were sick people and little water and food. Some families had cabins of their own. Other people were crowded into different areas. There was a storm that threw them off course but something happened. Oco anus was born into the Hopkins family. The journey took about 2 months over the Atlantic.



Land Ho

After a while they landed in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Then they did not like it there, so they moved to a different place . across the bay. It was cold with no friends there. They settled in a place they called New Plymouth. Searching around ,they found some corn that Indians had stored in sand hills near the beach. They spotted some Indians too but they disappeared.



The First Winter

The first winter was difficult. They had to build shelters and quickly for the sick. One of the shelter caught fire making things worse. Also it was cold and they had lots of sick people. Only 51 survived.



Indians Help

After the winter, the Pilgrims met some Indians. The first to visit was Samoset and then Squanto came. He spoke better English so the Pilgrims could plant corn the Indian way. After that Chief Massasoit came there. They began a friendship that would last for 50 years. They were happy for their new land.

The Big Feast

The pilgrims decided to have a feast after the harvest. They invited the Indians and 90 of them came. They stayed for 3 days. They had a fun time playing music and dancing. They were thankful for food, new land, shelters, new friends and surviving.