



Voyage of the Mayflower

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- 1 The *Mayflower* was a sailing ship. It left England in September 1620. The ship was carrying 102 passengers. The passengers were later known as Pilgrims. They were looking for a new place to live.
- 2 The voyage across the Atlantic Ocean took 66 days. Many of the people got seasick as they traveled. There were many storms and leaky cabins. Their dogs and sheep and chickens were not very happy, either.
- 3 The *Mayflower* had been sailing for Virginia. But when the ship reached Massachusetts, the Pilgrims thought they had gone far enough. They stopped where some Native Americans had cleared some land but had moved away. The Pilgrims called the place Plymouth.
- 4 The Pilgrims started building a town. The cold weather slowed their progress. Most of the Pilgrims lived on the ship for the winter. Many wondered if they could survive in this new land.
- 5 The coming of spring raised the hopes of the Pilgrims. Their future looked better. Maybe they could build a home here, after all.

Close Reader Habits

Why did the Pilgrims choose to stay in Massachusetts?

Underline the sentence that tells why.



The events in this article happened long ago. Look for clues about how these events go together.

Think

1 Why did most of the Pilgrims live on the *Mayflower* for the winter?

- A** They liked living on the ship more than on land.
- B** It was too cold to build a town to live in.
- C** They were afraid of the Native Americans.
- D** They were still trying to get to Virginia.

2 Choose an answer from the box to finish the sentence. Write your choice on the line to finish the sentence.

became hopeful	decided to leave
became gloomy	returned to the ship

When spring came, the Pilgrims _____

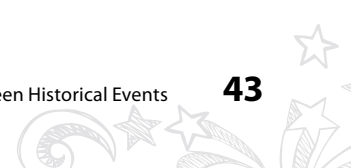
Talk

3 Tell your partner the information in the passage that supports your answer to what the Pilgrims did when spring came.

Write

4 Short Response Why did the Pilgrims settle in Massachusetts? Write to tell what caused this to happen. Write your answer in the space on page 45.

HINT Check the third paragraph of the article to find the cause.





Write Use the space below to write your answer to the question on page 43.

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Check Your Writing

- Did you read the question carefully?
- Can you say the question in your own words?
- Did you use proof from the text in your answer?
- Are your ideas in a good, clear order?
- Did you answer in full sentences?
- Did you check your spelling, capital letters, and periods?

