

Additional Vocabulary and Comprehension Questions

“Two Ships and a Big Adventure” through “The New Land”

Setting and Overview: Southampton, England to Plymouth, Massachusetts; 1620. The Hopkins family travels on the *Mayflower* to America in 1620. They first reach Cape Cod, then go across Cape Cod Bay to establish Plymouth. Several Native Americans assist them with crops, so after their first harvest the Pilgrims host a feast for themselves and their Native American friends - the first Thanksgiving.

Q: Did both the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell* go to America? Why or why not? [Two Ships...]

A: no, the *Speedwell* developed a leak and stayed back

Q: Where did the passengers need to stay? [Two Ships...]

A: between decks - not in the air and not in the hold with the supplies

Q: What happened to the Hopkins family? [A Ship Sails Alone]

A: a new baby, Oceanus, was born to their family

Q: Did the *Mayflower* sail to where the Pilgrims expected? Why was this disappointing? [A Ship Sails Alone]

A: no, they planned to sail to Virginia to where other settlers lived and houses could already be available

Q: What do the Pilgrims find beneath the sand? [The New Land]

A: corn to plant

Q: Why was New Plymouth a good location? [The New Land]

A: it had a good harbor, fields with good soil, fresh water, and no unfriendly Native American neighbors

“New Homes in a New Land” and “A Time of Thanksgiving”

Q: What happened to the roof of the larger house and why was this bad?

[New Homes...]

A: it caught fire; it was the supply house

Q: Why did the Pilgrims have peace with the Native Americans for fifty years? [New Homes...]

A: both peoples kept the promise of friendship

Q: How did the Pilgrims celebrate Thanksgiving? [A Time of Thanksgiving]

A: they made food for themselves and ninety Native Americans and feasted and celebrated for three days