

Additional Vocabulary and Comprehension Questions

Note to parents: This book is a work of historical fiction. This book is included in the curriculum by BookShark because it provides an opportunity for elementary students to understand the events and setting of the time period.

Q: How do Squanto's people prepare for the white men? [A Ship from Far Away]

A: rather than hide, they prepare a big feast

Q: Have the white men been to Massachusetts before? How can you tell? [The Fire-Stick]

A: one of the strangers speaks a similar language to Squanto that he learned from Native Americans farther north

Q: Why does Squanto's father want Squanto to travel with the white men? Why does his mother feel the way she does? [Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims]

A: to learn from the white men and to help them with their trading; life is good in the village and his mother feels she will not see him again

Q: What did Squanto learn from the white man? [Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims]

A: English and how to measure time

"London" through "Captain John Smith"

Q: What did Squanto find surprising in London? [London]

A: horses, so many houses close together, so many people, different food, a bed

Note to parents: London Bridge differs from most bridges as it holds shops and houses along it. [The Indian Show]

Q: Why does Squanto dislike his role in the show? [The Indian Show]

A: he scares little children and feels bored

Q: How does Captain John Smith help Squanto? [Captain John Smith]

A: he plans to take him to America

Note to parents: Captain Smith and Squanto go to America in 1614.

[Captain Hunt]

Q: How does Captain Hunt use Squanto? [Captain Hunt]

A: he captures him and plans to sell him as a slave

Q: What happens to Squanto at the slave market? [The Slave Market]

A: a man buys him, but Squanto runs to two priests and speaks in English - the startled men somehow gain his freedom

Q: How does Squanto's role in the Indian show work out for his good?

[Christmas Eve]

A: when he has nowhere to stay in London, a man recognizes him as Squanto and gives him a place to stay

Q: Who are the Pilgrims? Does Squanto sail with them? [John Slaine's House]

A: wanderers without a home who leave England to worship as they choose; they dislike Holland, so they go to America; no, he leaves on an earlier ship with Captain Dermer in 1619

Q: Why does Squanto go to live with Chief Massasoit? [Home]

A: his entire village dies from sickness and he has no family or friends

Q: How does Squanto serve Chief Massasoit? [Pilgrims]

A: Squanto accompanies the chief to visit the Pilgrims, and helps make a peace agreement between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans

Q: Where does Squanto live and with whom? Why? [Plymouth]

A: in Plymouth with the Mayflower Pilgrims in 1620; he feels more at home with them than the Indians

Q: What does Squanto teach the Pilgrims? [Plymouth]

A: how to catch eel without nets, how to make nets for fish, how far apart to plant corn, and to plant using small fish

Q: In his lifetime, what are some of Squanto's occupations? [Plymouth]

A: white man's guide, star of an Indian show, slave, servant, and, finally, white man's friend

Q: How is Squanto uniquely suited to help the white man? [Plymouth]

A: he knows survival techniques of the Native Americans and the customs and language of the white men