Thanksgiving Brainpop

* When the Pilgrims arrived in 1620, they were in Wampanoag territory
* The Pilgrims were unprepared for life in America
* A Native American named Squanto helped the Pilgrims by teaching them how to survive and grow crops
* In the Fall, the Pilgrims held a Thanksgiving feast to celebrate their good fortune and the Autumn harvest
* Native Americans and Pilgrims both attended the Thanksgiving feast
* The peace between the English settlers & Native Americans did not last

Tour the Ship

* The *Mayflower* was designed as a merchant ship and was not actually built for passengers
* The ship was powered by wind
* The Pilgrims ate oatmeal, peas, beans, and other foods that could be stored for long periods of time
* The Pilgrims spent 65 days aboard the ship in crowded quarters with no privacy
* The *Mayflower* was one of the largest merchant ships of its day
* The ship’s course was determined using the position of the stars and the horizon

Letter from a Wampanoag

* The Pilgrims and Native Americans were unsure of each other when they first arrived
* Some Native Americans wanted to become allies with the Pilgrims, while others feared them and their weapons

Daily Life

* The Pilgrims arrived in the Americas in winter when it was difficult to find food & build shelter
* Many Pilgrims did not survive the first few months in their new home
* Native Americans in the area helped the Pilgrims to survive by helping with crops and navigating the land

Journey on the Mayflower

* September 6, 1620- The *Mayflower* leaves England for North America
* Difficult 2 month journey
* Violent storm damages ship and blows the ship off course
* Storm and rough waters cause the Mayflower to land in Massachusetts instead of Virginia on November 11
* The Pilgrims settle in Plymouth, Mass. by December 1620

Letter from a Pilgrim

* Many Pilgrims made the voyage to America in search of religious freedom
* The *Mayflower* arrived during the winter
* Many Pilgrims died due to the bitter cold, scurvy, and other diseases
* Pilgrims faced a shortage of food