



1. From which city and country did the Pilgrims (the Separatists¹) leave for the New World?
2. Why did they leave?
3. Why are they called pilgrims?
4. When did the Pilgrims set sail?
5. Which is the name of the ship in which they sailed?
6. In which direction did the Pilgrims sail: northeast, northwest, southwest, or southeast?
7. Which ocean did the Pilgrims cross?
8. To which continent did they sail?
9. When did the Pilgrims land on this continent?
10. How long did their voyage take: 5 days, 30 days, 66 days, or 94 days?
11. The Pilgrims who founded ² the first colony in America landed on Cape Cod (in what is now Massachusetts) and then sailed ³ to a nearby area. What is the name of the stony landmark where they eventually landed?
12. Why are they called the Pilgrim Fathers?/3
13. Why is the religion so important to the Americans?/6

Synonyms: found, create, establish, institute, organize

¹ The Separatists were English Protestants who were part of the Puritans. The Separatists were severely critical of the Church of England and wanted to either destroy it or separate from it. They were persecuted by King James I of England (King James The First).

² To found (found) tr. v. (Transitive verb). founded, **founding (adj.)**, founds

^{1.} To establish or set up, especially with provision for continuing existence: The college was founded in 1872.

^{2.} To bring something into existence and set it in operation: The immigrants founded a colony; to found a country; to found a religion...etc.

³ Sail: navigate





Thanksgiving

Though it was not called Thanksgiving at the time, what we recognize as the first Thanksgiving feast was celebrated in 1621 by the pilgrims of the Plymouth colony along with about 90 Wampanoag Indians. The Pilgrims had suffered through a devastating winter in which nearly half their number died. Without the help of the Indians, all would have perished. The Indians taught (past of teach) how to cultivate the land and gave them food as well.

After the first harvest⁴, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayed to God. The food, which was eaten outdoors, included corn (vegetable), geese (bird), turkeys (bird), ducks (birds), eel (fish), clams (seafood), leeks(vegetable), plums (fruit), cod (fish), bass, barley (cereal), venison (animal) and corn bread. The feast lasted 3 days. Though the exact date is unknown, the feast clearly took place in late autumn.

1. How old is the tradition of Thanksgiving?	

- 2. What were the Pilgrims thankful for?
- 3. What person is famous for formalizing the tradition of Thanksgiving?
- 4. Which season of the year did the first Thanksgiving take place?
- 5. Put the right name of food under the picture: The Pilgrim Fathers ate:



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⁴ **Harvest** is the act or process of collecting a crop like cereals. (récolte)