

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers, an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

Virginia	Compact	religious
Atlantic	102	document
America	Speedwell	children

Pilgrims were settlers who came from Great Britain in search of _____ freedom. Many of the Pilgrims were a part of the religious group called "Separatists" they wanted to separate from the Church of England, and so, they set sail to _____ in hopes of a new life. They wanted to be able to practice their religion how they wanted, without being persecuted (punished for their beliefs) like they were in Britain. Some people just wanted a better life. Those passengers were called "strangers" and included merchants, skilled workers and _____.

There were two ships the Pilgrims sail on to America. They were called the Mayflower and _____. The Speedwell had a leak after it set sail and they had to go back to England. They tried to put as many of the passengers from there onto the Mayflower. Most of them fit, but about 20 had to stay back because there was not enough room. On September 6, 1620, the Mayflower set sail to America. There was a total of _____ passengers and about 30 children.

The voyage across the _____ Ocean took 2 months to reach New England (known as America today). It was not an easy trip, with supplies running low, not enough fresh water, sickness, and storms. Two people died during the voyage. The original destination was _____, but storms took the ship off course, and they ended up landing near Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

The Pilgrims named their new settlement 'New Plymouth' after the place in England that they set sail from. The town is now called Plymouth. Once they reached land, the Pilgrims wanted to write and sign a _____ to determine how things would be decided and how issues would be settled. This document became known as the Mayflower _____. The goal of the document was to establish legal order. The Mayflower Compact included _____.

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



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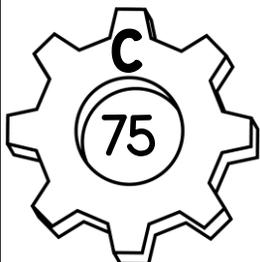
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



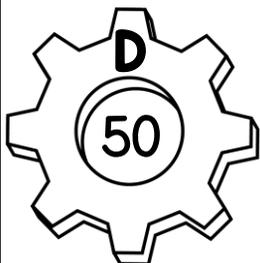
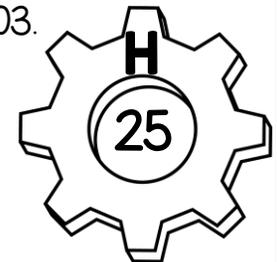
A. The three ships headed to Plymouth were the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria.



B. Pilgrims were settlers who came from Great Britain in search of religious freedom.

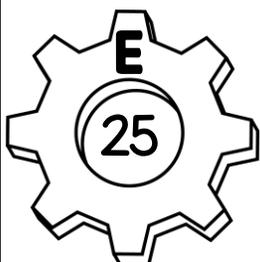


C. John Rolfe was elected to be the first governor.



D. Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn, hunt, and fish.

E. The settlers landed in Plymouth on August 26, 1603.



F. The goal of the Mayflower Compact was to establish legal order.

G. 41 men from the Mayflower signed the Compact.

H. In 1621, the Pilgrims had their first harvest.

I. The original destination of the ship was Georgia.

J. The voyage across the Atlantic took 2 months.

TOTAL: _____

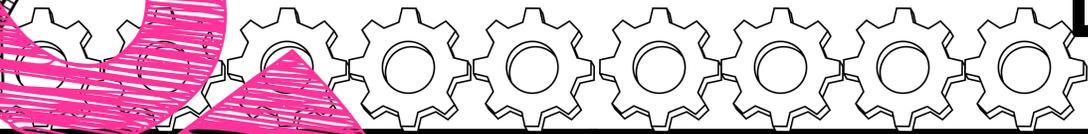
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. Where was Plymouth located?

- A. Georgia
- B. Massachusetts
- C. Maryland
- D. Pennsylvania

6. What word means to be punished for their beliefs?

- A. Prosecuted
- B. Persecuted
- C. Repeal
- D. Boycott

2. Who became governor after John Carver?

- A. William Parker
- B. John Rolfe
- C. John Smith
- D. William Bradford

7. Who traveled on the Mayflower?

- A. Merchants
- B. Skilled workers
- C. Children
- D. All of the above

3. When was Plymouth founded?

- A. 1620
- B. 1623
- C. 1625
- D. 1627

8. Why was the location of Plymouth chosen?

- A. River
- B. Flat land
- C. Harbor
- D. All of the above

4. How many ships set sail for Plymouth?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

9. How long was the trip across the Atlantic Ocean?

- A. 2 months
- B. 4 months
- C. 6 months
- D. 8 months

5. The Mayflower Compact pledged loyalty to ____.

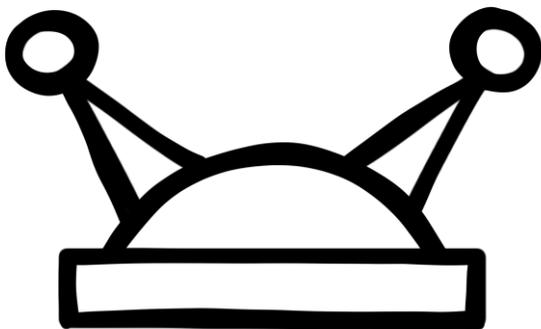
- A. King George III
- B. King Andrew IV
- C. King James I
- D. King John II

10. Aside from crew members, how many passengers were on the Mayflower?

- A. 53
- B. 81
- C. 102
- D. 149

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