

1620 Resources

Pilgrims, Natives, Mayflower



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Introduction

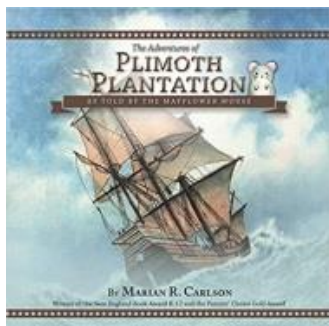
As a school teacher and leader of a Mayflower and Wampanoag group, I've been bombarded with requests for Mayflower resources. Here are a few. Enjoy your educational journey!

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Favorites

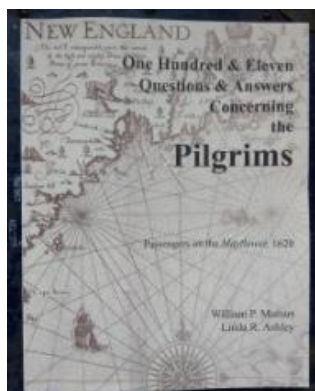
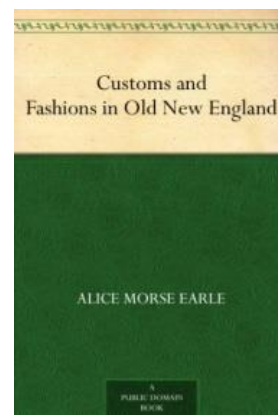
Having published a unit study in 2020 called *The Mayflower at Cape Cod*, I will share my favorite resources mainly from my research, as well as educational materials I've created.

BOOKS



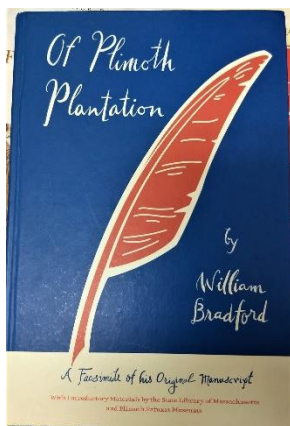
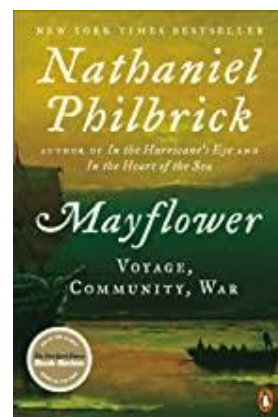
The Adventures of Plimoth Plantation as Told by the Mayflower Mouse by Marian Carlson. (iUniverse 2020)
For elementary.

Customs and Fashions in Old New England by Alice Morse Earle.
Includes information from diaries and wills about the early Puritans in Massachusetts, their speech patterns, and how they lived. This book is in the public domain and is free on the web.



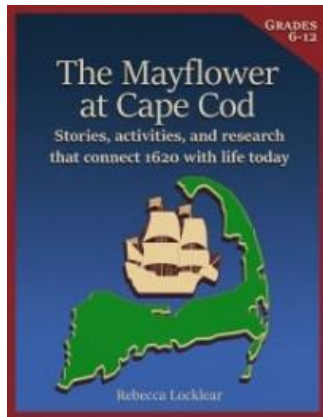
One Hundred & Eleven Questions & Answers Concerning the Pilgrims by Mattart and Ashley. (Mayflower Books 2009)
This is the basic book for all things Mayflower! Easy to read. Grades 6-12, Adults.

Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick. (Viking Penguin/USA, 2006)
The Mayflower journey is brought to life in a compelling, story-telling way.



Of Plimoth Plantation by William Bradford.
One of the Pilgrim leaders, this is Bradford's personal journal of the Mayflower voyage and the first permanent settlement of Europeans in new England.

UNIT STUDY for grades 6-12



The Mayflower at Cape Cod-Stories, activities, and research that connect 1620 with life today by Rebecca Locklear (Skaket Books and Art 2020)

With 70 activities ranging from art and cooking to drama and games, learn what happened when the Mayflower anchored off Cape Cod for five weeks in 1620. Become immersed in how Pilgrim and Native experiences relate to today.

Available digitally at Teachers Pay Teachers or in print on Amazon.

NEWSPAPER/WEB ARTICLES

1) James, Frank. **“The Suppressed Speech,”** 1970. www.uaine.org/suppressedspeech.htm. *This speech, by my former high school teacher, reveals the passion of a decimated people.*

2) Petersen, Ron. **“The Land Called Nausett: Orleans, The Pilgrim Story Continues 1644-1718,”** The Centers for Culture and History in Orleans (MA) in conjunction with *The Cape Cod Chronicle*, 2020.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/2HPpFeO/chochroniclearticles> or go [HERE](#).

This series chronicles what happened when Pilgrims fanned out from Plymouth to live on Cape Cod. Of particular interest is the article, “A Day with the Snows in Nausett 375 Years Ago” as it describes daily life. Excellent research.



Rebecca Locklear outside of Howland House, Plymouth, MA

3) Rockwell, Stensrub. **“What’s the difference between a Pilgrim and a Puritan?”** Newsweek, Nov. 16, 2015.

This is “must know” information.

LECTURE

Saxine, Ian. **“The First Encounter at Eastham–The Story Re-Told.”**

<https://easthamthefirstencounter.org/organizer/eastham-400-commemoration-committee/> Go [HERE](#) to “News and Videos” to find the lecture.

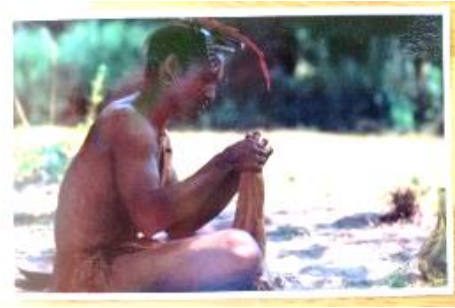
This website and lecture includes the up-to-date research for Mayflower 400: 1620-2020. Enlightening.



VIDEOS

1) Baird, Jessie Little Dove. “As Nutayunean We Still Live Here,” bullfrogfilms, 2010.

This is a documentary on the rebirth of the Wampanoag language. (The last fluent speaker died over a hundred years ago.) Learn of the plague that killed Natives just before the Pilgrims arrived in 1620 and later how the Natives learned to write so to petition the government. Find out why Natives feel Christians took away their family, language, and culture so their communities would die.



2) “Virtual Voyages: Leyden.” The video is available at www.mayflower400uk.org. Go to the tab *Stories of the Mayflower*, find *My Mayflower and Virtual Voyages*, then hit “Virtual Voyages: Leiden.”

This virtual walking tour of Leiden, Holland was aired in May, 2020. Leiden is where the Pilgrims lived before sailing to the New World. Great information on the Pilgrims and even a different take on the first Thanksgiving.

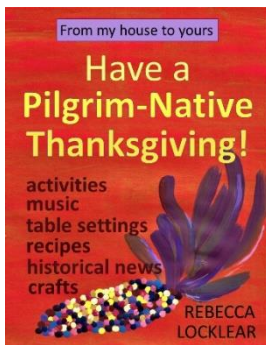
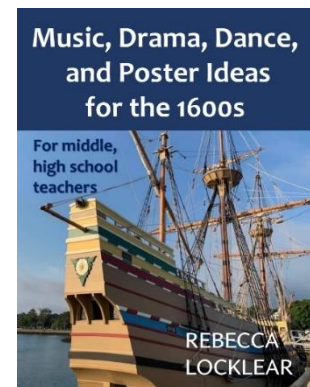
This same site has other videos I’ve not seen but have been highly recommended by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants: “The Homes of Bradford and Brewster,” “My Mayflower, Making of the Pilgrim Woman,” “The Making of the Wampum Belt.”

3) Look at any video (or book) by Richard Pickering, Pilgrim-Native scholar, actor, teacher, and Deputy Director of Pilmoth Patuxet Museum. His new research into what actually happened in 1620-1621 is absolutely amazing.

ARTS & THANKSGIVING IDEAS

Music, Drama, Dance, and Poster Ideas for the 1600s by Rebecca Locklear.

I teach history through the arts—meaning vocal and instrumental music, dance, art, and drama. If you are a middle or high school teacher or home educator, and need ideas for the 1600s, grab this 8-page booklet! Find it [HERE](#) on Teachers Pay Teachers or on my website: www.rebeccalocklear.com.



Have a Pilgrim-Native Thanksgiving! by Rebecca Locklear (2021)

This resource is filled with clever and informative ways to enjoy a three-day event. Find ideas for dining table customs, games, recipes, Native chant, and a new Thanksgiving song all while learning historical details. It also answers tough questions about the Pilgrims based on new historical evidence.

Recommendations by the Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants (OSMD)

OSMD Suggested BOOKS

In Search of William Bradford by Sue Allan (Director of Scrooby Manor, UK). This book, can be obtained at the website domtom.co.uk and has new research on how William Bradford grew up in Austerfield. Sue Allan also has another book called **In the Shadow of Men—the Lives of Separatist Women**. This new research includes information on Elizabeth Barker Winslow, Alice Carpenter Bradford, Dorothy May Bradford and Bridget White Robinson in addition to the well-known Separatist females on board the Mayflower.

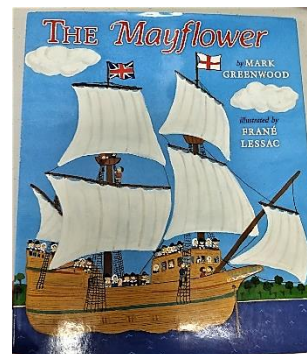


Indian Deeds – Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony 1620-1691 by Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum.

If you are interested in a detailed book about Pilgrims before they came to the New World, read **The Journey to the Mayflower – God’s Outlaws and the Invention of Freedom** by Stephen Tomkins. (Pegasus Books 2020)

Making Haste from Babylon by Nick Bunker is about life at Plymouth Plantation.

The Mayflower by Mark Greenwood. (Holiday House 2014)

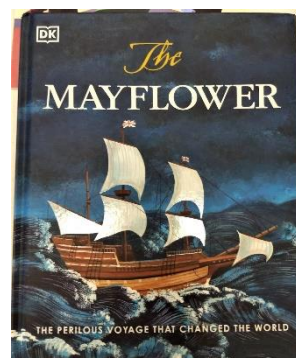


The Mayflower Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth 1620 by Robert Charles Anderson is the best and most up-to-date genealogy book. (The New England Historic Genealogical Society 2020)

The Mayflower: The perilous voyage that changed the world by Libby Romero. (DK Children 2020)

Mayflower Lives by Martyn Whittock.

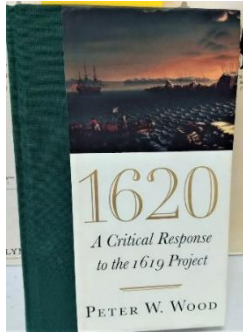
From a UK publisher comes **The Mayflower Pilgrims—sifting fact from fable** by Derek Wilson. This book gives a background to the thoughts and beliefs of 1600s Separatists in England.



New Light on the Old Colony by Dr. Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, Director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum Foundation and the world’s leading researcher on the Pilgrims. Dr. Bangs also has had several other books published recently such as *Intellectual Baggage—the Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony Ideas of Influence*. This is a catalog of 50 of the books the Pilgrims read and owned at Plymouth.

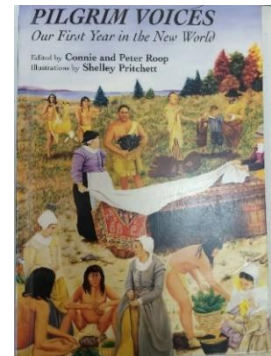
Of Plimoth Plantation by William Bradford—the 400th Anniversary Edition edited by Kenneth P. Minkema, Francis J. Bremer and Jeremy D. Bangs, with annotations that incorporate recent information and interpretations and includes Wampanoag commentators.

Pilgrim Voices: Our First Year in the New World edited by Connie and Peter Roop. (Walker Childrens 1997)



1620: A critical Response to the 1619 Project by Peter Wood. Excellent book on a hot topic.

They Knew They Were Pilgrims by John G. Turner. This new book is reviewed by the author in “book talk” on the Pilgrim Hall website at www.pilgrimhall.org



For children...

Who's that Stepping on Plymouth Rock? by Jean Fritz

Three Young Pilgrims by Cheryl Harness

Magazine Article

“Massasoit Engineering Peace with the Pilgrims” *History*, National Geographic, Nov/Dec 2020.

OSMD Suggested WEBSITES for virtual journeys and more

- <http://plymouthantiquarian.org/> Sites in Plymouth, MA with historic information.
- www.plimothhall.org Click “home” for drop down menu, then “events” and to see video offerings
- www.mayflower400NL.com Lots of articles and occasional videos.
- www.plimoth.org On this Plimoth Patuxet Museums website, check the dropdown menus, and “learn.” There are lots of articles and fun things to do.
- www.mygenealogyaddition.com Click on the “Mayflower” box for loads of information on individual passengers as well as a virtual tour of Plymouth.
- <https://www.texasmayflower.com/educational-resources> Museum boxes and activities.
- <https://store.usps.com/store/home> For Mayflower stamps.



OSMD Suggested VIDEOS

YOUTUBE.COM.

- A Quote from William Bradford
- Deconstructing History: Mayflower (History Channel)
- Desperate Crossing (History Channel, 2006)
- The Mayflower Compact—Document of Democracy
- The Mayflower Pilgrims behind the Myth w/Sue Allan (BBC)
- Overboard on the Mayflower
- 1-4 The Pilgrim Fathers—the American Experience (PBS)
- Pilgrim Life with Scholastic News-The Wampanoag Way
- The Pilgrims—Thanksgiving
- Sing through History
- The Story of the Mayflower and the First Thanksgiving
- Tour of the Mayflower
- Touring Plimoth Plantation (Plimoth Patuxet Museums)
- Tour of the Mayflower



Example of clothes worn by the Pilgrims.

OSMD Suggested SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook has many, many sites where Mayflower Ancestors are sharing resources, videos, lectures, books and events. Some of the better Facebook sites:

- Calling All Mayflower Descendants!
- General Society of Mayflower Descendants
- Mayflower 400 UK
- Mayflower 400 NL
- The Pilgrim Fathers
- Pilgrim Hall Museum
- Plimoth Patuxet Museums
- Plymouth Antiquarian Society

OSMD Suggested THANKSGIVING

There are wonderful websites to find resources for Thanksgiving lessons or family time.

1) www.scholastic.com (not the store but the home site) is loaded with wonderful videos, slideshows, and printouts from Plimoth Patuxet Museums. Just go to this site and hit the “teachers” bar. Then hit “resources and tools” and it will give you the option to watch the “Mayflower” – a virtual field trip. Under Virtual Field Trips you will find four films:

The Mayflower – 20 minutes
Pilgrim Village – 18 minutes

Wampanoag Homesite – 17 minutes
Plimoth Plantation – 30 minutes

You will also see the option of looking at a slideshow of sights at Plimoth Patuxet Museums.

At this extended site, www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/letters/asp you will find three “letters” written by Pilgrim children and Wampanoag children. On a sidebar you will find “Readers Theatre” ideas: interviews with John Alden, Robert Coppin, Elizabeth Hopkins, Desire Minter, Priscilla Mullins, Elinor Billington, William Brewster, John Howland, and Fast Turtle (Wampanoag/Native).

There is also a “Featured Videos” bar with a sub-bar labeled Plimoth Plantation. Here you will find the following first person videos, each 1-2 minutes long:

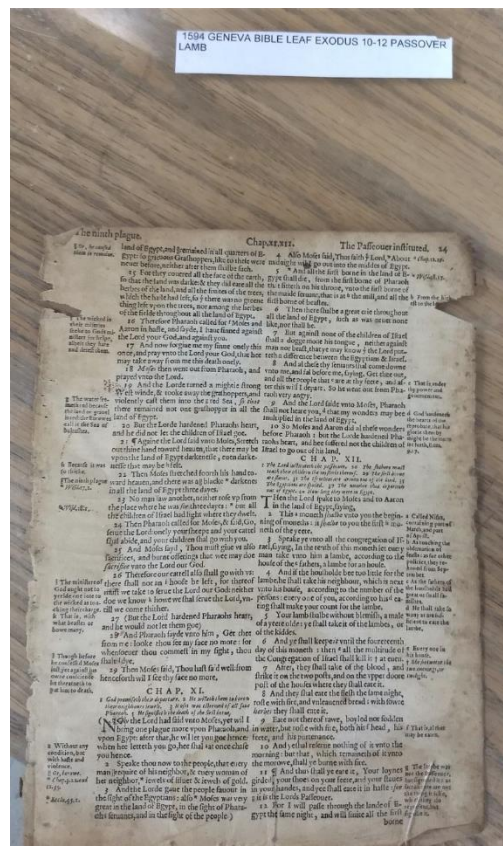
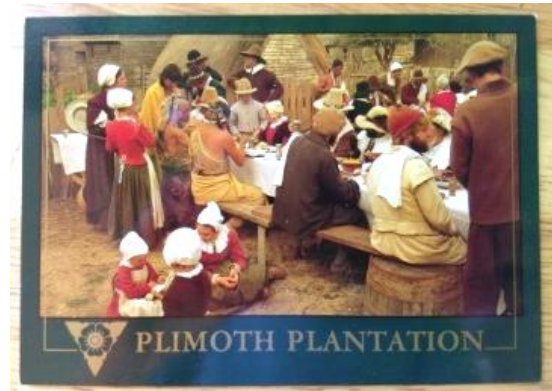
- Welcome to Plymouth--Miles Standish
- Winters in New England--Miles Standish
- Harvesting Corn--Miles Standish
- Mayflower Sails On--Stephen & Elizabeth Hopkins
- Venturing to the New World --Hopkins
- Friendship with the Wampanoag--Hopkins
- The First Thanksgiving--Hopkins
- A Common Day for Pilgrim--Hopkins

There are also many print-outs on this site.

2) The other great site is www.plimoth.org established by Plimoth Patuxet Museums. Hit on the icon “Just for Kids” and you will find the following:

- Coloring pages
- Virtual Field Trips (same as at Scholastic)
- Learn to talk like a pilgrim with vocabulary and listening lessons
- Make it at home: crafts and games
- Recipes
- Stories to read

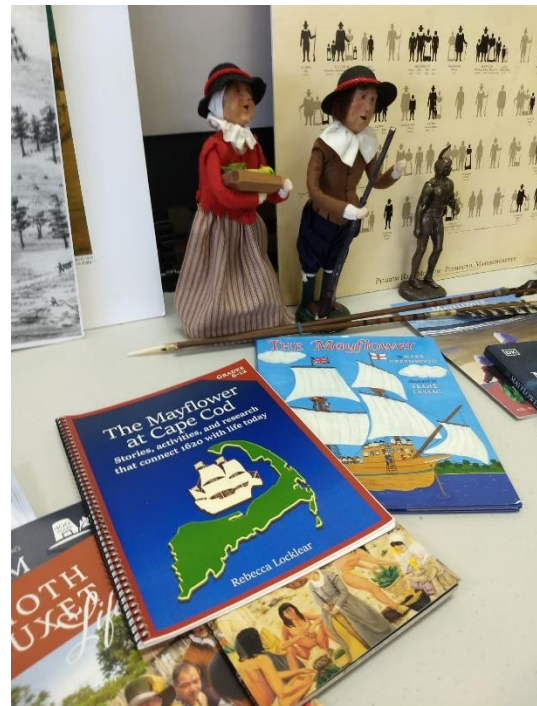
3) Perhaps delve into the difference between the Geneva Bible and the King James Bible.



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Rebecca's unit study, *The Mayflower at Cape Cod*, on a table at a Mayflower event in 2022.