

The *Mayflower*

Answer each question.

1. Why was it necessary for the *Mayflower* to turn back two times before its full journey began?
- a. English officials kept ordering the ship to come back so they could arrest several Pilgrims on board.
 - b. The first time, the ship had a faulty rudder that needed repairs. The second time, the Pilgrims realized they did not have enough food for the journey and came back for additional supplies.
 - c. The boat sailing alongside the *Mayflower* was leaking. After two attempts to fix it, they decided to sail without a second boat.
 - d. The *Mayflower* was too small, so they went back twice to find a larger ship and eventually set sail on the *Speedwell* instead.
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2. List three typical characteristics of sea travel in the 1600s. **Sample answer**
- 1. Many ships were transporting cargo items and did not have comfortable passenger spaces.
 - 2. Ships were not built with strong enough materials to withstand storms and often wrecked.
 - 3. Ships were in danger of being attacked by pirates.
- Additional option: The journey could take several weeks or even months.**
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3. How long was the *Mayflower's* voyage at sea? two months
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4. Where did the *Mayflower* finally land?
- a. Off the coast of Newfoundland
 - b. Near present-day London, England
 - c. Near present-day Cape Cod, Massachusetts
 - d. Off the coast of Europe
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5. Why was it necessary for some passengers to live on the docked ship for several weeks when the *Mayflower* first arrived? **Sample answer**
- The Pilgrims needed to find an area with good weather and fertile soil to start building houses for the group. A small team of people left the ship to search for such a place, but the others remained on board until a settlement could be built.