Name _____ Date _____

IMAGINE BEING THERE:

THE WAMPANOAG MEET THE PILGRIMS

In 1620, a group of English settlers called the Pilgrims landed on the shores of present-day Massachusetts. The land there was home to a group of native people called the Wampanoag. The Wampanoag had developed thriving communities throughout the region.

In the early 1600s, there were almost 40,000 people living in over 60 Wampanoag villages. The Wampanoag felt blessed to have bountiful land for farming and hunting, and coastal waterways for fishing. From 1615 to 1619, historians believe the Wampanoag experienced a deadly epidemic. Then in 1620, the first Pilgrims arrived.

CREATIVE WRITING:

Imagine you are part of the Wampanoag community living along the coast of present-day Massachusetts in the 1600s. One day, people from a foreign land arrive and begin building a new town next to your home. How would you feel about these settlers arriving? How would this impact your everyday life?

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DID YOU KNOW? **The name Wampanoag means "People of the First Light."**

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