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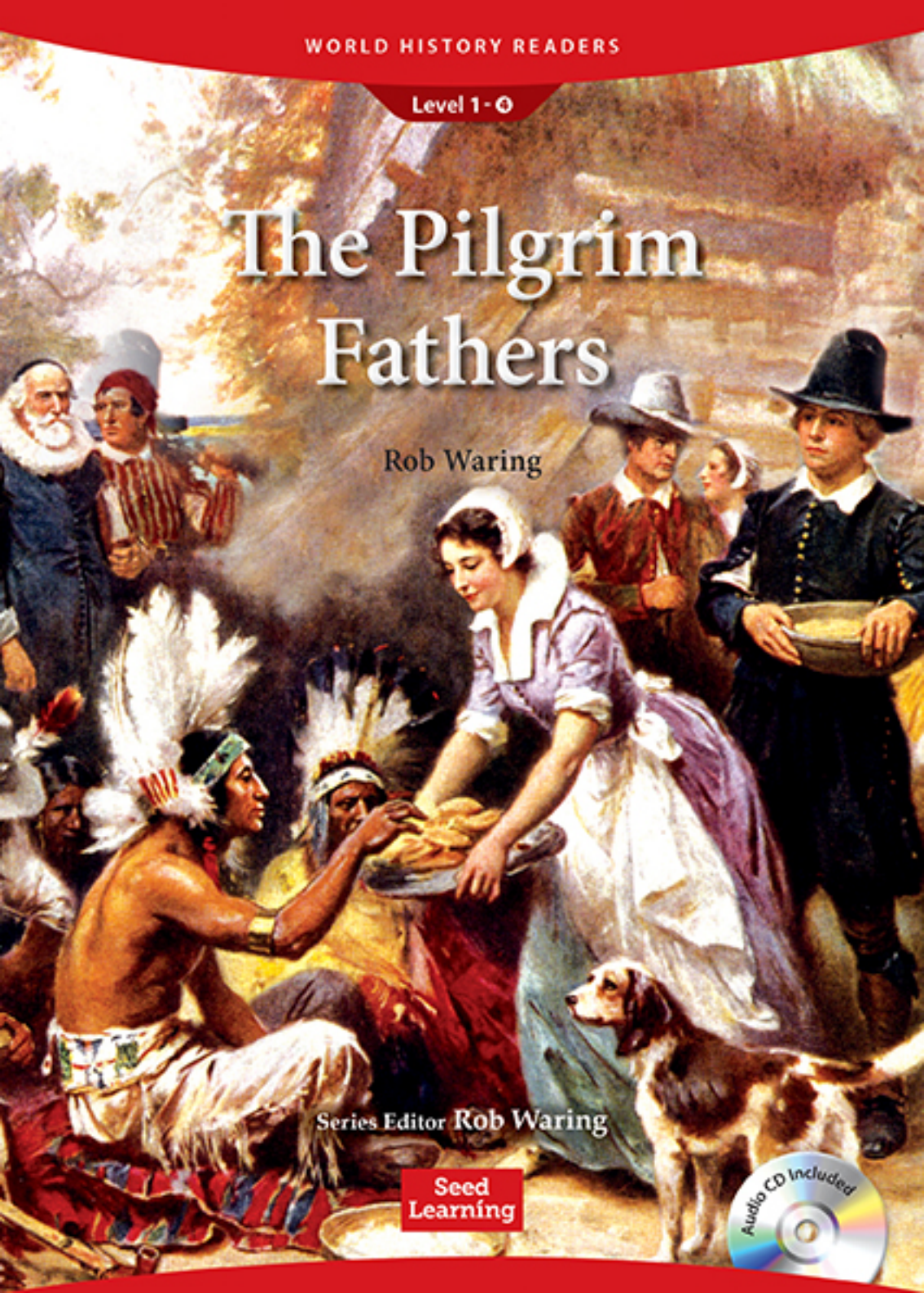
# The Pilgrim Fathers

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## The Church in Europe

In the 17th century in England and the Netherlands, many people called the Pilgrims wanted to start a new church based on the teachings of John Calvin.



John Calvin (1509-1564)



A 16th century church in Kent, England

A Pilgrim hat



A simple Pilgrim meal

They did not want to be part of the traditional English church. They could not stay in England, and life in the Netherlands was difficult. So they chose the New World—a place which, years later, was to become the United States of America.

A ship near the New World





A plaque telling the Pilgrim's story

## The First Voyage

On September 6th, 1620, one hundred and two people (73 males and 29 females) set sail from England aboard the *Mayflower* for the New World.



A UK stamp about the *Mayflower* voyage

They knew that some Spanish settlers had failed to settle 100 years before. But the Pilgrims felt they had no choice. They risked everything for freedom.



The Mayflower Steps in Plymouth (UK), where the Pilgrims left



*Mayflower II*, Massachusetts



A partial map of Massachusetts

The first half of the journey was easy, but they faced storms and strong winds during the second half. One



The Plymouth Rock near where the Mayflower landed

person died, and one child was born.

At last, on November 11th, they landed. The Pilgrims founded their colony near Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts.



An image of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers

## An Agreement with the King

The settlers made an agreement with the king of England that all the settlers would work together to form a community based on democracy and elected leaders.



Signing the Mayflower Compact

This was the first British colony to have self-rule. It was allowed to make its own laws.



King James of England (1566-1625)



Mayflower II – a full-size replica of the original Mayflower

## Comprehension Questions

1. Where is "the New World"?  
(a) The United States  
(b) The Netherlands  
(c) The United Kingdom  
(d) Europe
2. The Pilgrims went there to...  
(a) start a new life.  
(b) start a new church.  
(c) live freely.  
(d) All of the above
3. Who were the first people to settle in the New World?  
(a) The British  
(b) The Spanish  
(c) South Americans  
(d) American Indians
4. The *Mayflower's* journey...  
(a) was easy.  
(b) lasted 6 months.  
(c) was very hard.  
(d) killed everyone.
5. The king agreed that the settlers could...  
(a) live overseas.  
(b) make their own rules.  
(c) elect leaders.  
(d) All of the above
6. The American Indians...  
(a) were Pilgrims.  
(b) did not trust the settlers.  
(c) all spoke English.  
(d) built homes in the Pilgrim's village.
7. ...of the settlers were weak or sick after they arrived.  
(a) None  
(b) A few  
(c) Most  
(d) All
8. The first Thanksgiving celebrated...  
(a) the Pilgrim's arrival.  
(b) babies born in Plymouth.  
(c) the beginning of summer.  
(d) a harvest.
9. *Fortune* was a ship that...  
(a) arrived with more settlers.  
(b) sailed from the New World.  
(c) was owned by the Indians.  
(d) went down at sea.
10. By the 1640's, about ... people lived in the colony.  
(a) 37  
(b) 300  
(c) 2,000  
(d) 12,000

## Glossary

- **American Indian** a member of any of the first groups of native people living in America
- **enactment** the process of acting something out
- **colony** a country or area controlled by another country
- **community** a group of people living together as a society
- **epic** great or impressive like a hero's adventures
- **found** to start or establish
- **harvest** the amount of crops collected
- **feast** a large meal, usually to celebrate something special
- **intend** to plan or want to do something
- **Mayflower** the ship that transported the Pilgrims from England to the New World in 1620
- **Pilgrim** one of the people who traveled by boat from England and created the first settlement in New England
- **previous** existing or happening before
- **settler** a person who goes to start a new life in another place
- **replica** an exact or very close copy of something
- **voyage** a long journey to a distant place