

# HFK Presents Trivia for Plymouth Pilgrims



1. Who was the first person to step off of the Mayflower?  
**Mary Chilton, aged 13**
2. Who was the oldest passenger on board?  
**James Chilton. He died at the age of 64 while the Mayflower was anchored at Cape Cod.**
3. Who were the five women who survived the Mayflower crossing?  
**Elinor Billingham, Mary Brewster, Dorothy Carver, Elizabeth Hopkins, Priscilla Mullens, and Susanna Winslow**
4. DYK--The passengers aboard the Mayflower were “pilgrims” religious separatists seeking freedom from the Church of England and “Strangers” common folk looking for a better life in the new world.
5. When did the pilgrims land in Plymouth Harbor?  
**December 11, 1620**
6. DYK—John Carver was the first governor of the Plymouth Colony. It is also said that his was the first signature on the Mayflower Compact.
7. DYK—Since 1970, Thanksgiving is known as the “National Day of Mourning “ for the Native Americans
8. How long did the Mayflower Compact remain active?  
**It remained active until 1691 when Plymouth Colony became part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony**
9. What was the Mayflower Compact originally called?  
**The Agreement Between the Settlers of New Plymouth**
10. Where did the pilgrims originally land?  
**Cape Cod, MA**
11. Who financed the pilgrim’s voyage?  
**The Virginia Company**

12. DYK—The idea of the black clothing for the pilgrims came from the fact that Puritans would dress in "Sunday best" while posing for portraits, and these clothes were often black.
13. How big was the crew of the Mayflower?  
**The Mayflower had a crew of about 30 men.**
14. DYK—Oceanus Hopkins was the only child born on the Mayflower during its historic voyage.
15. Who was the Master (Captain) of the Mayflower?  
**Christopher Jones**
16. DYK—The members of the Wampanoag Native American tribe, the Patuxet, were not hostile to the pilgrims. Samoset and Squanto came to the colony and helped the pilgrims learn to hunt, fish and plant corn properly.
17. How did the women on board fare during the first winter?  
**The first winter was devastating for the women. Of the 18 adult women who sailed on the Mayflower, only six survived.**
18. What part did the weather play in the survival of the pilgrims during their first year?  
**During this time called the "Little Ice Age", there were cycles of very cold winters. The first winter was cold and windy with periods of rain.**
19. DYK--Tisquantum, known as Squanto, was captured by the English in 1614, and later sold into slavery in Spain. He spent years in England where he learned English. He returned to New England in 1619, only to find his entire Patuxet tribe dead from smallpox.
20. DYK-- The voyage was supposed to be done by two vessels. The second, the Speedwell, was deemed unseaworthy. Passengers were crammed onto the Mayflower. Along with the 130 people on board, there were food stores, tools, weapons,(including cannon) and live animals such as sheep, goats, chickens, and dogs. Many people had to remain behind in both Holland and England.