



Physical and Human

The Pilgrims were a group of English settlers who left Europe in search of religious freedom in the Americas. They established the Plymouth Colony in 1620.

Why did the Pilgrims travel to America? The Pilgrims traveled to America in search of a new way of life. Many of the Pilgrims were part of a religious group called Separatists. They were called this because they wanted to "separate" from the Church of England and worship God in their own way. They were not allowed to do this in England where they were persecuted and sometimes put in jail for their beliefs. Other Pilgrims were hoping to find adventure or a better life in the New World.

Local Area

The Mayflower Steps marks the location of the Pilgrim Father leaving Plymouth to discover the New World. Merchant's House. There are also other places of interest linked to life in 17th century England, as part of the Barbican Trail for example, The Bakery. In addition, the Mayflower Museum, set over three floors, explores the story of the voyage of the Pilgrims and their journey aboard the Mayflower to the New World. We will be visiting here as part of our learning sequence.

Mapping



The Voyage of the Mayflower



Plymouth Colony, 1620 - 1691

RE and History link

- Saints and strangers
- Thanksgiving
- Why were the separatists persecuted?
- Henry VIII
- Puritans

Key Terms

- Pilgrims
- Voyage
- Colonisation
- Migration
- Separatists
- Saints and Strangers
- Persecution

Enquiry Questions

- Who were the Pilgrims and why did they go to America?
- What was the Mayflower and its voyage like?
- What was life like in 17th century Plymouth, England?
- What was the New World like?
- Who were the Wampanoag?

Website Links

https://www.ducksters.com/history/colonial-america/pilgrims_plymouth_colony.php

<https://kids.britannica.com/students/article/Pilgrim-Fathers/624088>

<https://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/homework-help/who-were-pilgrims>

