

Mayflower 400 A2



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The *Mayflower II* is a replica of the famous ship. It was built in 1955-56 for the Mayflower Museum in Plymouth, England, and Plimoth Plantation, in Massachusetts, USA. It is very small for 102 people!

Museums on both sides of the Atlantic are celebrating the 400th anniversary of a famous voyage.

On 16 September, 1620, 102 passengers, called "Pilgrims", left England for the New World. They were on a ship called the *Mayflower*, which arrived in Massachusetts on 9 November.

Winter Weather

The weather was much colder than in England: there was lots of snow in November! So the Pilgrims stayed on the ship all winter.

There wasn't enough food or clean water. More than 52 passengers died of pneumonia or tuberculosis. Finally, in March, the Pilgrims built cabins on land.

Squanto

An Indian named Squanto helped the Pilgrims adapt to their new environment. In November, 1621, they had small houses and enough food for the winter. So they invited 90 Indians to a big party. Everyone ate and drank for three days. It was the first Thanksgiving! ■



Americans celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November every year, to commemorate the first Thanksgiving.

Help

both (det) the two

built (preterite) from to build, to construct

left (preterite) from to leave, to depart

ship (n) a vehicle for ocean voyages

Pilgrim (n) a person who travels for religious reasons