

Thanksgiving

In **September 1620**, a group of English people called the pilgrims Fathers sailed from Plymouth, England across the Atlantic ocean, in a ship called the **Mayflower**, to what it is known today as Cape Cod in North America.



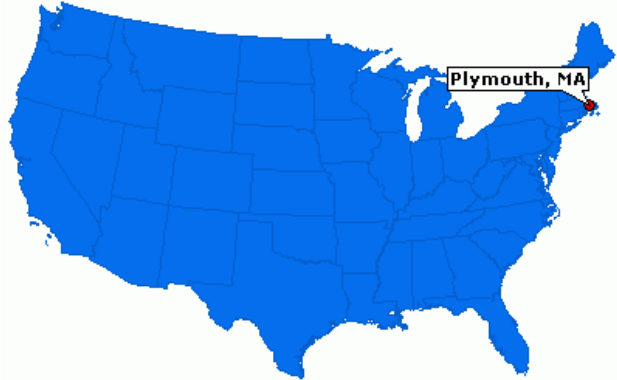
They sailed for sixty-six days.



When they arrived, they called the new home New England.



However, they were not the first people to live there. The **Native Americans** were the first people who already lived in that new continent.



The first Winter was very hard and many of the Pilgrims died because of the weather conditions and the lack of food. In the spring of 1621 they could survive with the help of the Native Americans who taught them how to live from the new land growing plants, fishing and hunting, and in the autumn they could celebrate **their first harvest**.



They gave **thanks** for the harvest, their new home, their new life and their new Friends. So Thanksgiving Day is celebrated the fourth Thursday in November.

For this reason, we are celebrating this day paying a tribute to those Native Americans' ways of life studying their culture and keeping their spirit alive.

