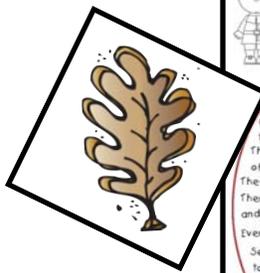


Pilgrim Children Activities

Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

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Different	Different
	Same



My Letter To A Pilgrim Boy

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I hope you have a very happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Kaiden



They Write Back!

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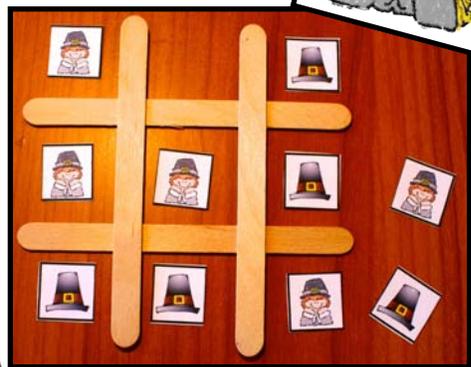
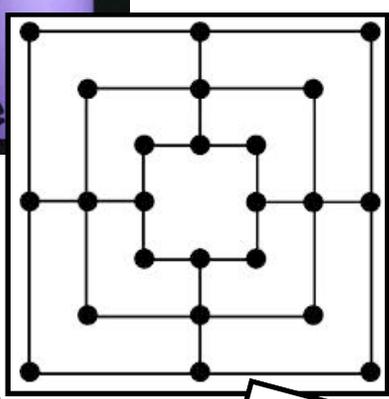
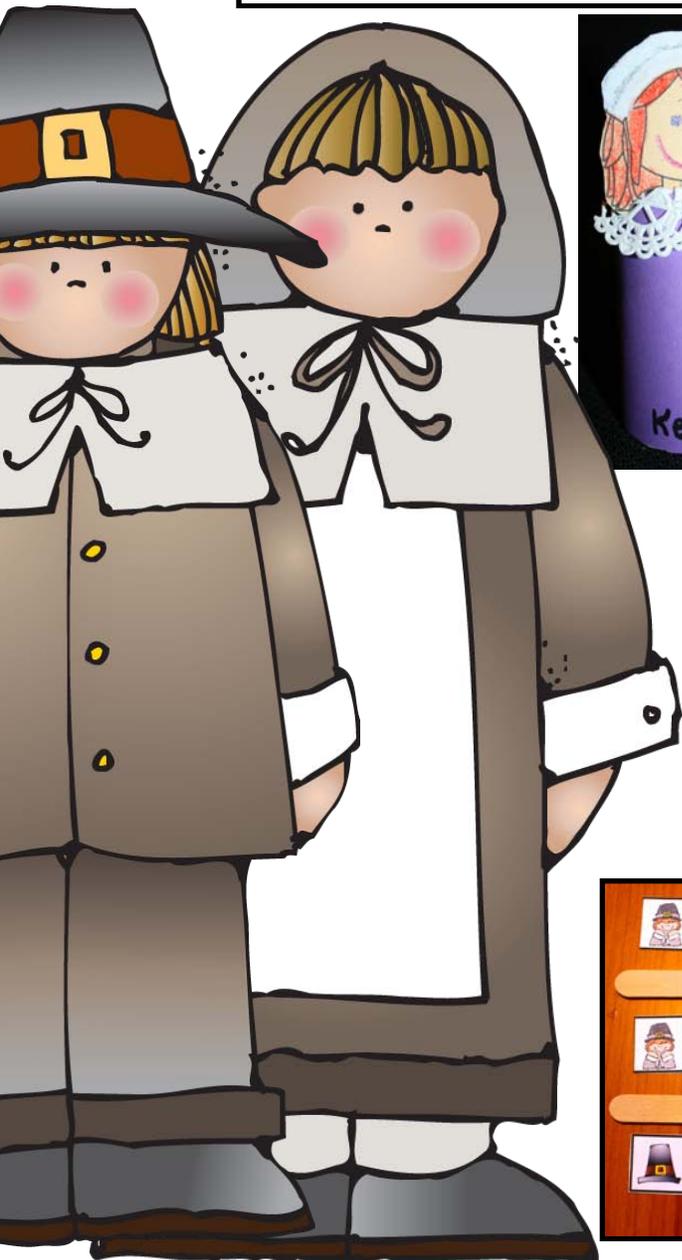
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Wrestling





Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

Pilgrim boys' clothes

Clothes for today's boys



Colors made from natural dyes: black, brown, violet, red, beige, green, burgundy, blue and white

All fabric was in solid colors. There were no patterns. All clothing was made by hand.

Boys wore dresses until the age of 6 or 7. After that their clothes were just like their father's.

They only wore long-sleeved shirts that buttoned down the middle.

Baggy breeches (pants) were gathered below the knee with garters and tied in a bow.

(There were no belts. They held up their pants with laces called points that were tied to their doublet.)

Solid-colored long stockings.

Cone-shaped hats.

lace collars (ruffs) and cuffs

doublets

capes

black or brown handmade shoes

Different:

Same:

Different:

Pilgrim Children Packet

12 Venn Diagrams



Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

Pilgrim girls' chores

Girls' chores today



They woke up very early to do chores.

Tend the fire

Help cook and serve meals

Make soap

Make candies

Feed the chickens

Milk the goats

Muck the garden

Make spices

Churn butter

Polish brass

Help make a broom. Sweep the floor even though it was dirty!

Collect eggs

Help plant the garden and pull weeds

Gather food from the garden

Help sew

Collect mussels

Help wash clothes, but not very often, as water was precious.

Different:

Set the table
Take care of younger siblings

Same:

Different:

Lots of Facts

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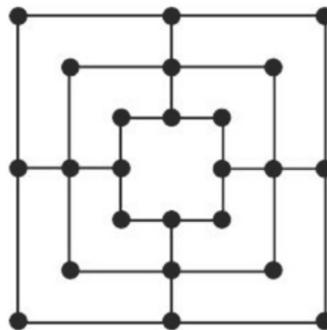
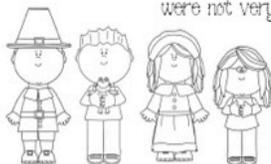
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Writing Prompts

My conclusions about Pilgrim children compared to today's kids:

ie. Pilgrim children had a lot more chores and responsibilities. They wore a lot more clothes that were not very comfortable.



Letters & Craft

List of 25 Favorite Books

4 Graphic Organizers

Measurement Activities

12 Games





Write a letter to a Pilgrim child.



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Would you have wanted to be a Pilgrim?



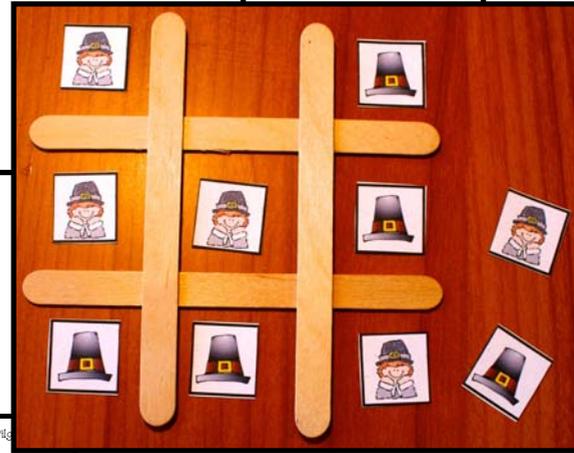
Write a letter back as if you were a Pilgrim child.



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Write a letter back as if you were a Pilgrim child.



Reasons why I'd like to be a Pilgrim:



Reasons why I wouldn't:



My Letter To A Pilgrim Girl



Write a letter to a Pilg



Write a letter to a Pilgrim child.



Write a letter back as if you were a Pilgrim child.



Write a l



Write a letter back as if you were a Pilgrim child.



My Letter To A Pilgrim Boy



My Letter To A Pilgrim Boy



My Letter To A Pilgrim Girl



Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

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Today's homes

Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

Pilgrim games & toys

- Very limited time for play.
- Very few toys and games.
- Played games that exercised their minds and bodies.
- Playing "muckers" (marbles) in a knicker box. Their marbles were clay or stone.
- Rolling hoops
- Riddles and other word games like giffles, (fongue twisters)
- "Dick drunk drink in a dah, where's the dah Dick drunk drink in?"
- Quails
- Possibly Hubbub and Catch the Ring learned from the Wampanoag
- Stick ball

Today's kids games & toys

- Marbles
- Skits
- Ball
- Hobbles
- Laughs & Croaks = tic-tac-toe
- Hummen = keep away
- draughts = checkers
- hoops = jump rope
- ditto = hide and go seek
- hop frog = leap frog
- fox and catch tag
- possibly sand
- Man's Ball
- hops, stits & pinwheel

Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

Choose a name for your Pilgrim friend and write it in the box. Use 6 adjectives to describe your Pilgrim child using your descriptive words, write a sentence at the bottom. Color the picture.

Pilgrim child's name: _____

Making It Real

When you tell a child that a dinosaur was so many feet long, the size really doesn't register with them, but if you use a comparison and say that the longest dinosaur was 3 school buses long, they can wrap their head around that.

To really bring this home, I took my kiddos on the playground and we measured how long that was by drawing a chalk line from point A (the dinosaur's head) to point B the tip of the dino's tail. I had one student stand on each end and then my students made a line.

Their line was not as long as the dinosaurs. They could now really understand how gigantic these prehistoric creatures were.

The same idea holds true with information about the Pilgrims. Children can't comprehend how truly small and cramped living inside the Mayflower was. They not only had to fit 102 people in, but supplies, animals and belongings too.

To help children visualize this, draw a box (ship-shaped if you're artsy) that is 68 feet long and 22 feet wide. Explain to them that this is approximately the size of the lower deck where most of the Pilgrims would have been crammed in for 65 very long days.

As they stand in this small area, tell them that the ship (a large heavy boat with 2-masts and the sails + cars, also was stored in this area because of the crowded quarters some people actually slept there).

To make space for the boat, draw another chalk mark removing 30 feet in length and 8 feet in width, so the ship would fit. Now they can really see how cramped the Pilgrims were.

Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

Pilgrim education

- The Pilgrims believed that children should be taught the skills they needed to survive as an adult.
- That, a large part of a child's day was filled with chores. Children started helping as young as 5.
- Pilgrim children did not attend school. There was no formal schoolhouse till much later.
- It was up to the parents to teach their children to read and write.
- There were few books. They read from the Bible.
- If their parents owned one, children sometimes learned from a hornbook.
- This was a wooden paddle with pages of paper attached, that had letters, a list of alphabets, and the Lord's Prayer. The pages were protected by a clear cover made from a thin slice of cow horn.

Today's kids education

My conclusions about Pilgrim children compared to today's kids

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Based on your conclusions, would you have wanted to be a child growing up during the time the Pilgrims lived? Why or why not?

Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

Pilgrim boy's chores

- They woke up very early to do chores.
- Help build house
- Hunt for food
- Make wooden pegs (nails)
- Cut and gather wood for the fire
- Tend the fire
- Help plant the garden
- Gather crops from the fields
- Keep predators from the corn fields
- Shel corn
- Cook turkey on a spit
- Make mattresses from pine needles, feathers, or corn husks
- Gather thatch for the roof
- Dig for clams
- Fetch water from the spring

Today's chores for boys

Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

Pilgrim girls' chores

- They woke up very early to do chores.
- Tend the fire
- Help cook and serve meals
- Make soap
- Make candles
- Feed the chickens
- Milk the goats
- Muck the garden
- Make spices
- Churn butter
- Spin brass
- Help make a broom. Sweep the floor even though it was dirt!
- Collect eggs
- Help plant the garden and pull weeds
- Gather food from the garden
- Help sew
- Collect muses
- Help wash clothes, but not very often, as water was precious.

Girls' chores today

- Set the table
- Take care of younger siblings

I spent lots of hours reading & doing research on Pilgrim children, and have included this information in completed left-hand sections of the Venn diagrams, so that you can fill in "today's information" as a whole group.

After discussion and doing this, students can then choose one of the blank Venn diagrams to do as a worksheet, or work with a partner to create one.

After this comparison/contrast activity, students are better equipped to write their letters.

Remind them to included factual information in their responses, so it seems like they really are a Pilgrim child growing up during that time period.

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- Take a teachable moment to review the proper format of a letter. I've included a labeled poster to help explain things.
- Using the list of names for children on the Mayflower, have students choose one and write to them.
- I've included my completed samples, so that you can quickly & easily make an example to share with your kiddos, or make some up of your own.
- I also made up a list of links, with real letters, diary notes and excerpts from Pilgrims to use as examples as well.
- Students complete their letter on the stationery provided, or whatever paper you want them to use.
- After they have written their letter, they can answer it, by pretending to be that Pilgrim child and writing back.
- You could also have students exchange their letters with another child in the class for them to write a response.
- Completed projects make an awesome bulletin board display. Have students choose a Pilgrim boy or girl "topper" and glue it to the top of their letter. Letters of response, can be glued to the bottom of that letter.



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