

Pilgrim Children Activities

Comparing and Contrasting Then & Now

Pilgrim homes	Today's homes
<p>Made after the English cottage with timber frames & a steeply pitched roof.</p> <p>They built a framework of small sticks (wattle) within the house frame. They filled it with daub (a clay, earth, grass & water mixture, used like today's plaster).</p> <p>They were wooden clap board houses made of sawn lumber. They were not log cabins. They were about 800 square feet.</p> <p>There was only 1 main room for living, eating and sleeping!</p> <p>Every house had a fireplace.</p> <p>Self-made. Children helped. This usually took 2-3 months.</p> <p>Thatched or straw roof.</p> <p>Hard-packed dirt floors.</p> <p>No glass in the small windows.</p> <p>They had shutters.</p> <p>Pegged nails. No paint.</p> <p>Some had a loft for storage.</p>	<p>Same</p> <p>Different</p>

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My Letter To A Pilgrim Boy

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11/20/2015

Dear Wrestling,

You have a really different name. I have never heard of it before. My name is Kaiden. Are any of your friends named that? I am 8. How old are you?

I think it would be fun to make friends with the Wampanoag children. Do you see them very often? What kinds of games do you play? I like to play with Legos and trucks.

My teacher says that you probably eat venison. I do too. My dad just shot a huge buck while deer hunting last weekend. I get to go along when I'm 12.

I hope you have a very happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Kaiden



They Write Back!

Plymouth, MA
11/20/1623

Dear Kaiden,

You have a really different name too. I don't know anyone by that name. My brothers' names are William, Richard, John and Samuel. I also have a sister named Elizabeth. We call her Lizzy for short.

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No, we do not get to see the Wampanoags very much. They will be coming for a big Thanksgiving feast soon though.

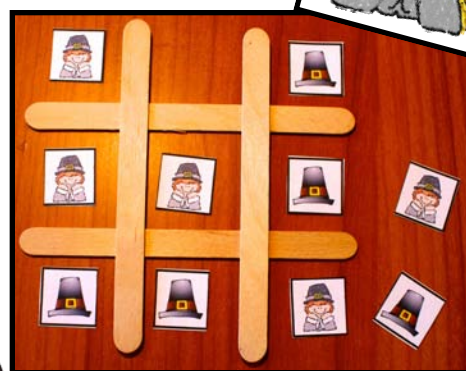
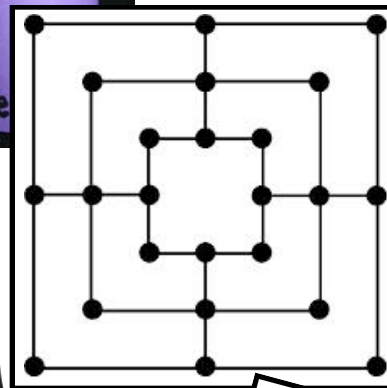
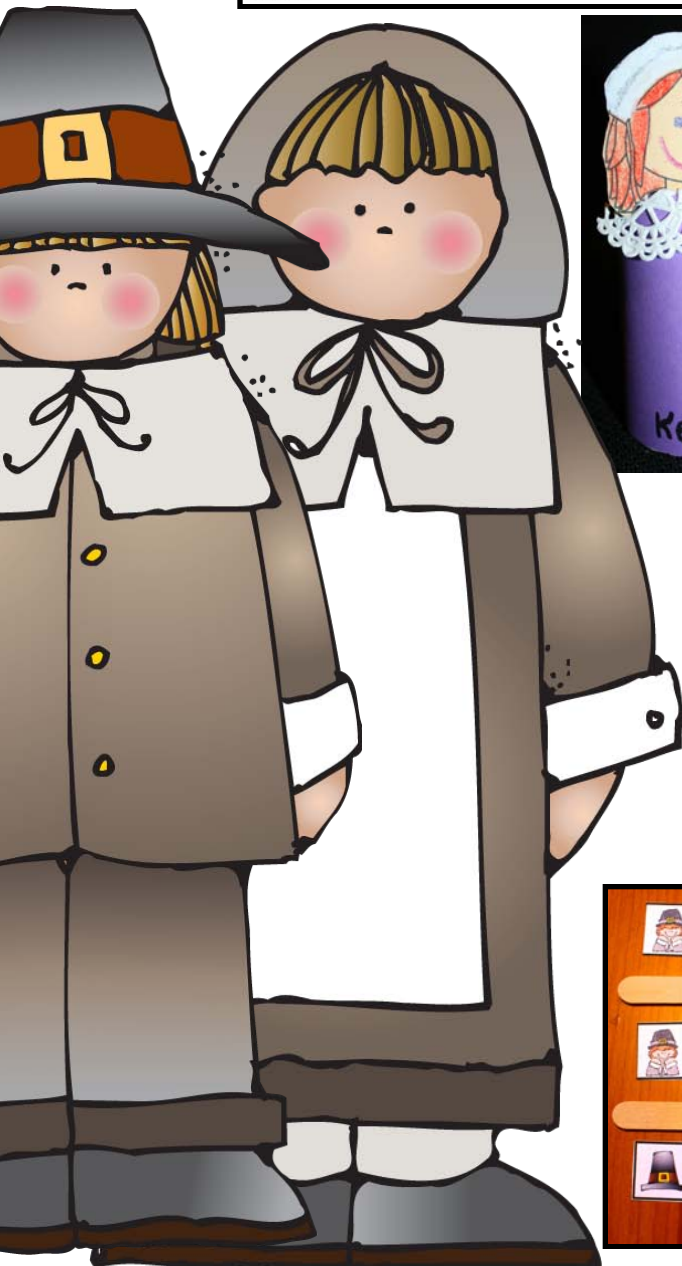
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I hope you have a very happy Thanksgiving too.

Sincerely,
Wrestling



Diane Henderson





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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

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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 candles

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:

Same:

Different:

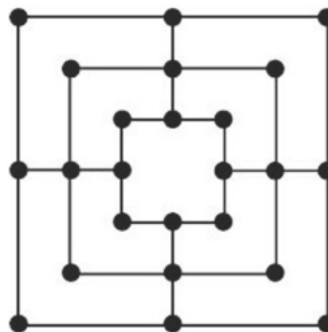
Set the table
Take care of
younger siblings

Lots of Facts

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

12 Games

List of 25 Favorite Books



4 Graphic Organizers

Measurement Activities



Pilgrim children are ...

Blank box for writing.



Pilgrim children have ...

Blank box for writing.



Pilgrim children can ...

Blank box for writing.



Write a letter to a Pilgrim child.



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Write a letter to a Pilgrim child.



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



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My Letter To A Pilgrim Girl



Write a letter to a Pilgrim child.



Write a letter to a Pilgrim child.



Write a letter to a Pilgrim child.



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



My Letter To A Pilgrim Boy



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



Would you have wanted to be a Pilgrim?



Reasons why I'd like to be a Pilgrim:



Reasons why I wouldn't:



My Letter To A Pilgrim Boy





Lots of LINKS to real samples

Letter from a Pilgrim child
http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/letters/Mayflower_letter2.htm

Letter from Lizzie to her Aunt Constance

www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/letters/Mayflower_letter1.htm

Letter from Lizzie to her Aunt Constance

www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/letters/Mayflower_letter.htm

These historical fiction letters from a Pilgrim girl and Native American boy — includes
http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/letters.asp

1620

Letter from a Pilgrim — A Message from the Mayflower

Letter from a Wampanoag — Harvesting and Preparing for Winter

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Letter from a Pilgrim — Arriving at Plymouth Plantation

Letter from a Wampanoag — Will We Live in Peace?

Harvest 1621

Letter from a Pilgrim — The Thanksgiving Feast

Letter from a Wampanoag — The Feast of the Pilgrims

This description of the life of the Pilgrims following the landing of the Mayflower was written as a letter by pilgrim Edward Winslow soon after the landing.

<http://www.autismcenter.com/Pilgrims.html>

Books Written by Mayflower Passengers: <http://mayflowerhistory.com/primary-sources-and-books/>

- *A Relation or Journal of the Proceedings of the English Plantation Settled at Plymouth* by Edward Winslow and others (London, 1622). These are the Pilgrims' journals for the first year at Plymouth.
- *Good News from New England*, by Edward Winslow (London, 1624). See also a full [scan of an original](#). These are the Pilgrims' journals for the second and third year at Plymouth.
- *Of Plymouth Plantation (Volume 1 and Volume 2)* by William Bradford (written 1630-1651, first published 1854). This is the most complete first-hand history of Plymouth, written by its long-time governor.
- *First Conference Between Some Young Men Born in New England and some Ancient Men who Came out of Holland*, by William Bradford (manuscript, 1648).
- *Third Conference Between Some Young Men Born in New England and some Ancient Men who Came out of Holland Concerning the Church and the Government Thereof*, by William Bradford (manuscript, 1651).
- Poetry of William Bradford (various poems, 1640s and 1650s).
- *Humours Lamented*, by Edward Winslow (London, 1646).
- *New England's Solimannder Discovers*, by Edw and Winslow (London, 1647).
- *Glorious Progress of the Gospel Amongst the Indians*, by Edward Winslow (London, 1649).

John Robinson's Farewell Letter to the Pilgrims: <http://www.revjohnrobinson.com/writings.htm>

This letter was written by John Robinson, the pastor of the Pilgrims church in Leiden. Since a majority of the church remained behind in Leiden, he made the very difficult decision to stay and minister to those remaining in Holland rather than come on the Mayflower.



address

heading address

date

Dear greeting

Paragraph 1 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

body

Paragraph 2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Paragraph 3 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Sincerely closing
signature

address

address Their info Heading address

date

Dear Greeting

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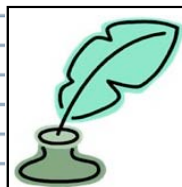
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Paragraph 2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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Sincerely yours. Closing
Signature



Stamp of approval.
Nice job on your
Pilgrim letter.



They Write Back!

Pilgrim Letter Writing Prompts



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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.



TP Roll Pilgrims

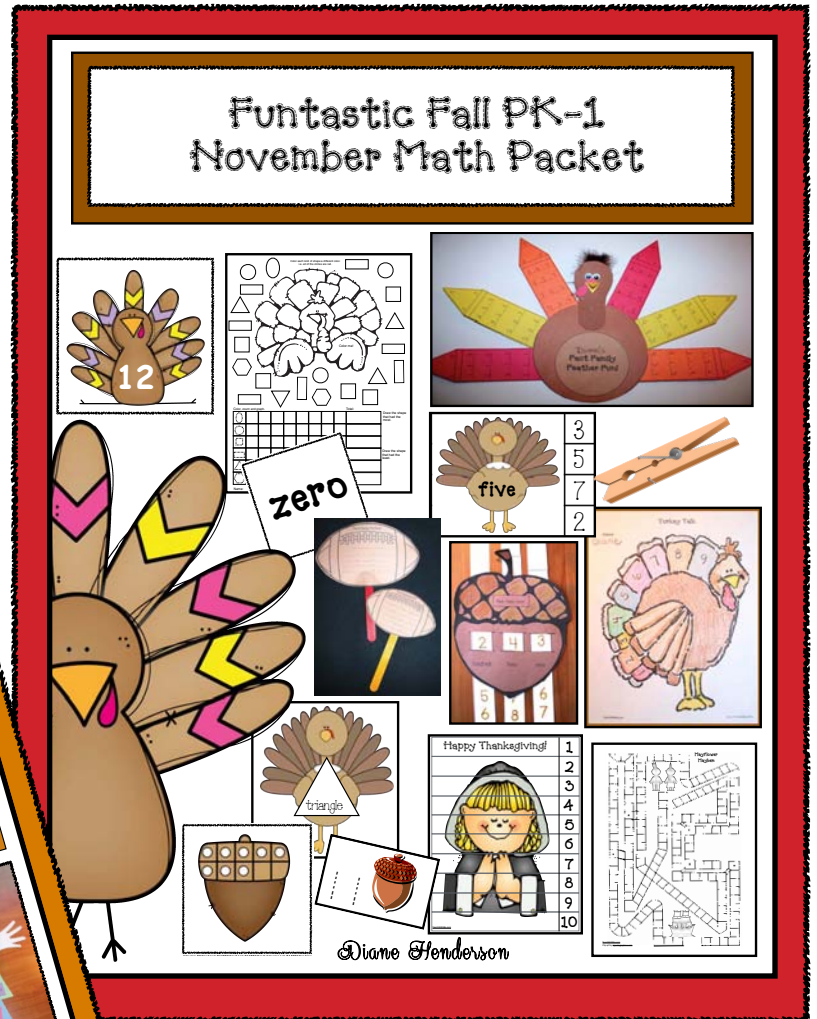


Tiny Tweets From:
dollardoodles.com

If you liked this fall-themed resource,
you may also like these other
autumn activities as well.

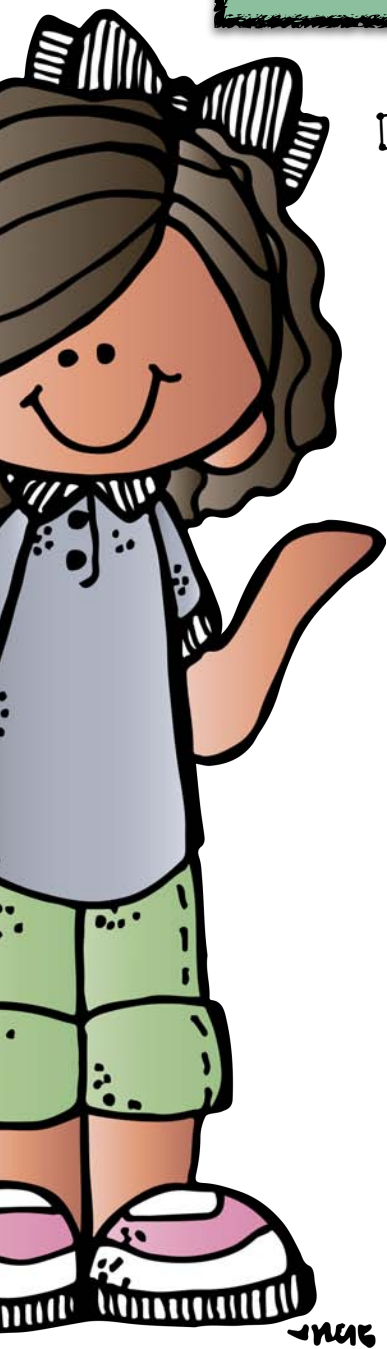
Diane

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Diane



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