

5. He should send to his neighbors confederates³³ to certify them of this, that they might not wrong them, but might be likewise comprised³⁴ in the conditions of peace.

6. That when their men came to them, they should leave their bows and arrows behind them.

After these things he returned to his place called Sowams, some 40 miles from this place, but Squanto continued with them and was their interpreter and was a special instrument sent of God for their good beyond their expectation. He directed them how to set their corn, where to take fish, and to procure other commodities, and was also their pilot to bring them to unknown places for their profit, and never left them till he died. He was a native of this place, and scarce any left alive besides himself. He was carried away with divers others by one Hunt, a master of a ship, who thought to sell them for slaves in Spain. But he got away for England and was entertained by a merchant in London, and employed to Newfoundland and other parts, and lastly brought hither into these parts by one Mr. Dermer, a gentleman employed by Sir

33. confederates(kən-fed'ər-its): allies; persons who share a common purpose.

34. comprised: included.

Ferdinando Gorges and others for discovery and other designs in these parts. . . .

First Thanksgiving

They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to fit up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength and had all things in good plenty.

For as some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were exercised in fishing, about cod and bass and other fish, of which they took good store, of which every family had their portion. All the summer there was no want; and now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degrees). And besides waterfowl there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc.

Besides they had about a peck of meal a week to a person, or now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion. Which made many afterward write so largely of their plenty here to their friends in England, which were not feigned but true reports.³⁵ ■

35. Which made . . . true reports: Although the specific day of the Plymouth colonists' first Thanksgiving is not known, it occurred in the fall of 1621. For three days, Massasoit and almost a hundred of his men joined the Pilgrims, feasting and playing games.

Response and Analysis

Reading Check

1. Why did the Mayflower return to Cape Cod?
2. During the first winter, how many of the Pilgrims survived?

Thinking Critically

3. At what points in his history does Bradford give inner, spiritual significance to outward events?
4. Consider the treaty drawn up with Massasoit (Chapter 11), and explain whether or not you feel its terms were equally favorable to both parties. What seems to be Bradford's attitude toward the Wampanoag?

5. Using details from the selection, respond to **Connecting to the Focus Question** on page 119.

Extending and Evaluating

6. Think about the challenges faced by present-day immigrants who have come to America in search of liberty, peace, or prosperity. In what ways might the Puritans' experiences and struggles be relevant to contemporary pioneers or refugees?