



Leif Eriksson

by Shannon Knudsen

Discussion questions to encourage comprehension:

1. Who was the first European to reach North America?
2. Why did Erik the Red want to go to Greenland?
3. Tell the story of Erik's voyage to Greenland.
4. How did the story of Erik inspire Leif?
5. Describe what you know about Greenland.
6. What is a "Vinland"?
7. Why did Leif go to Greenland?
8. How did Leif describe Greenland?
9. Describe the "Vinland" that Leif discovered.
10. Why was Vinland important to the Vikings?
11. How did the discovery of Vinland change the course of history?

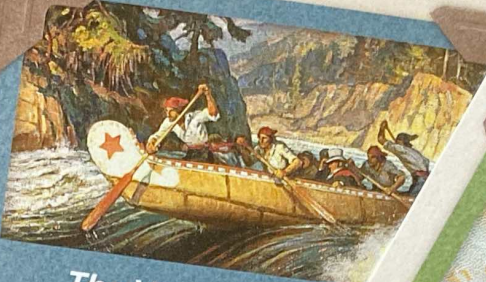


The Great Tulip Trade

by Beth Wagner Brust

Discussion questions to encourage comprehension:

1. In Holland in the 1600s, how important were tulips?
2. Describe the tulips Anna bought for her birthday.
3. Which tulip was Anna's favorite? What was the name of this special tulip?
4. How did Anna respond when she wanted to trade for a different tulip?
5. If you were Anna, what would you do? Explain.
6. Why did Anna want to trade?
7. What do you know about Anna?
8. How did the tulip trade affect her?
9. Why did Anna trade her tulips?
10. What was the result of the tulip trade?
11. Describe the impact of the tulip trade on the world.
12. How did the tulip trade change the way people thought about flowers?



The Voyageur's Path

by Kathy-jo Wargin

Discussion questions to encourage comprehension:

1. Who were the voyageurs?
2. How did Marie's family travel?
3. How did Marie's family first arrive in America? From where?
4. Describe the place where the family lived.
5. What did Jacques and Marie do for a living?
6. When the snow melted, what happened to the voyageurs?
7. After the voyageurs returned, what did they do?
8. What dangers did the voyageurs face?
9. Describe what you know about the voyageurs.
10. On their journey, what did they do?
11. Why was the voyageurs' journey important?
12. What was the result of the voyageurs' journey?
13. How did the voyageurs' journey change the way people thought about travel?

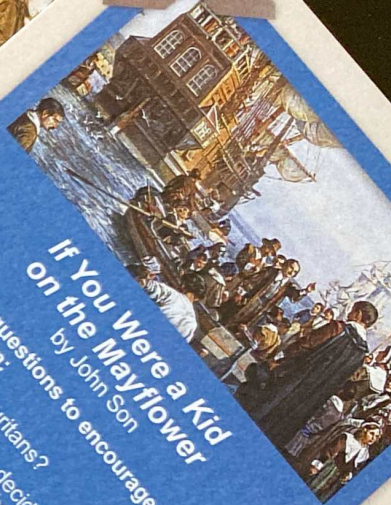


Sarah Morton's Day in the Life of a Pilgrim

by Kate Waters

Discussion questions to encourage comprehension:

1. How long has Sarah Morton lived in America? Where did she live?
2. What are "overgarments" and why did Sarah wear them?
3. Why does Sarah have to get up so early for her breakfast?
4. List some of the chores Sarah has to do in the morning.
5. What does Sarah do for her family?
6. Who is Elizabeth and why is she important before coming to America?
7. Why doesn't Sarah have a dream?
8. Describe what you know about Sarah's life.
9. Why is Sarah's life important?
10. What was the result of Sarah's life?
11. Why was Sarah's life important to the Pilgrims?
12. What was the result of Sarah's life on the Pilgrims?
13. How did Sarah's life change the way people thought about life in America?



If You Were a Kid on the Mayflower

by John Son

Discussion questions to encourage reading comprehension:

1. Who were the Puritans?
2. Why did the Pilgrims decide to leave England? Where was the Mayflower headed?
3. Explain why the passengers of the Mayflower had to move onto the Mayflower.
4. Why was Hope worried there wouldn't be enough provisions?
5. What did the passengers eat during their trip aboard the Mayflower?
6. What was "hardtack"? Why was it so important?
7. Describe the Mayflower. Why was it so crowded?
8. What did Hope and Theodore find in the ship's hold?
9. Why did Hope and Theodore bring food to their mothers?
10. List some of the jobs that needed to be done on the Mayflower.
11. Why did crewmates take turns sleeping?
12. Name some of the animals that were aboard the Mayflower.
13. Describe what the storms did to the ship.
14. Why did storms make voyages difficult on the Mayflower?
15. What was a "shallop"? Why was it important for the Mayflower?
16. When did the Mayflower arrive in America?