

Learning Target:

I can understand the impact of the meeting of different groups in North America from the perspective of each group.

Directions: Answer the questions below as you watch the documentary. You will use these notes to help you complete a *formative assessment* after the we finish the film.

Essential Question: What happens when two different cultures meet for the first time?

Film Information: *We Shall Remain: America Through Native Eyes. Episode One: After the Mayflower* (American Experience, PBS)

- *After the Mayflower* focuses on the well-known story of Thanksgiving. The Wampanoag are the group that helped the Pilgrims, or immigrants from England, survive their first year in North America. The Pilgrims sailed on a ship called the Mayflower, which landed in Wampanoag territory.
- This film will give you more details about the Wampanoag people, and their way of life both before and after the English pilgrims arrived.



Timeline:

- **1616:** Traders from Europe bring an epidemic (disease) to Wampanoag lands. 2/3 of the Wampanoag Nation (about 45,000) die.
- **1620:** English Pilgrims arrive in to Pahtukshut, a place that is called Plymouth, Massachusetts today.
- **1620:** Wampanoag meet Pilgrims for first time. Massasoit, the leader of the Massasoit
- **1621:** Festival celebrating the Pilgrims surviving first winter ("The First Thanksgiving") takes place with both Wampanoag and English.
- **1630s:** Thousands of English begin to arrive to Massachusetts.
- **1650s:** English try to convert, or make Wampanoag, become Christians. Many Wampanoag become Christians.
- **1675-1678:** King Phillip's War – Phillip (or Metacom) leader of the Wampanoag begins a war against English settlers.

Questions:

1. What was the First Thanksgiving according to the film?
 - A. a celebration of survival
 - B. a symbol of cruelty and power to Native Americans
 - C. all of the above
2. What was life like for Wampanoag people before Europeans arrived in North America?
 - A. Population was high, there was lots of food, and a balance of power between tribes
 - B. The Wampanoag didn't exist before the English came
 - C. They were lonely
3. What was the effect of the "sickness" of Wampanoag life?
 - A. It made them stronger
 - B. There was no effect
 - C. Whole villages died and those who survived were very sad and scared
4. Why did the English pilgrims migrate to North America?
 - A. Their religion wasn't welcome in England
 - B. They were bored of England
 - C. England lost a war with France
5. Why did Massasoit (the leader of the Wampanoags) and the English pilgrims form an **alliance**? (Hint: an **alliance** is a friendship, or agreement to help each other)
 - A. They liked the way each other looked
 - B. The Wampanoag were weak and knew the pilgrims came from a wealthy nation
 - C. The English pilgrims tricked them
6. What trade products did the English want from the Wampanoag? What did the Wampanoag have that the English needed to survive?
 - A. Wampum, beaver skin, and corn
 - B. slaves
 - C. medicine

7. What is wampum?

- A. An animal
- B. Beads made out of shells used as money
- C. The name of a person

8. How did the arrival of thousands of more English settlers in the 1630s impact the Wampanoag?

- A. Smallpox (a disease) killed even more Natives
- B. Natives started losing their land
- C. All of the above.

9. Why did English settlers want Native Americans to convert, or change religions, to Christianity?

- A. They thought Natives wanted to be Christian
- B. Christianity was cool
- C. Pilgrims didn't want to live with people who were different than them.

10. What was the result of King Phillip's War?

- A. The English started thinking the Natives were untrustworthy
- B. The English gave the Wampanoag back their land
- C. Everyone started to get along