In this activity, you will find out what it was like for the passengers of the *Mayflower* upon arriving in New England and experiencing their first winter there. You also will be asked to think about the ways that the first winter challenged the Pilgrims as they attempted to build a colony.

***Before You Watch***

* *Group discussion*:
1. What is the weather in December like in New England? What are some dangers of arriving in New England without shelter in December?

***While You Watch***

* *Look for answers to these questions while watching the video. Watch the video more than once, as needed.*
1. What time of year did the *Mayflower* arrive?
2. How did the *Mayflower*’s passengers and crew catch colds?
3. How close did the *Mayflower* get to the shore at Plymouth? Why was that a problem?

***After You Watch***

1. If you had the chance to return to England in the spring of 1621, do you think you would have gone back? Explain your answer.
2. What is the next step for the Pilgrims after their arrival?
3. How would you build a community and maintain households if almost every family is mourning the death of a mother or a father?
4. What might the Native people of New England have seen as they observed the Pilgrims during and after that first winter?
5. What might the Pilgrims have felt grateful for during their first harvest the following autumn?