



Story Guide
Across the Wide Dark Sea

Name _____ Teacher _____

Historical fiction is a story that is set in the _____ and portrays people, places, and events that did or could have happened. What famous event that really happened is portrayed in this story? _____

From where and when does the Mayflower set sail for America? _____

Who tells this story (Who is the narrator)? _____

Why do the friends' faces seem to "grow smaller and smaller"? _____

What were living conditions like on the ship? Give three examples. _____

What do the supplies that the family brought along tell about their expectations of their new life? _____

Why does the storyteller believe his family is luckier than most on the ship? _____

What does the storyteller's family eat while they are at sea? _____

Why does the ship begin to leak? _____

Rigging, mast, and main beam are parts of a _____.

Why are the passengers sent below during the storm? _____

Contrast (tell how they are different) the narrator's feelings on fair days with his feelings on stormy days. _____

Why do people begin to question their reasons for going on this journey? _____

Why do you think the author include the story about the man who fell overboard? _____

Name three pieces of evidence that the travelers found that land was near.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

When does the storyteller's mother laugh and cry at the same time? _____

Why did a small party (group) of men go ashore first? _____

Why do you think the author wrote this story? _____

How do the voyagers on the Mayflower make important decisions? _____

After they reach land, why are the passengers happy and worried at the same time? _____

<p>Pretend you were a child passenger on the Mayflower journey. Write a note to your grandmother or grandfather telling them about something that happened on your trip.</p>
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