



## The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers

The breaking waves dashed high  
On a stem and rock-bound coast;  
And the woods, against a stormy sky,  
Their giant branches tossed;

And the heavy night hung dark,  
The hills and waters o'er,  
When a band of exiles moored their bark  
On the wild New England shore.

Not as the conqueror comes,  
They, the true-hearted, came,  
Not with the roll of the stirring drums,  
And the trumpet that sings of fame.

Not as the flying come,  
In silence and in fear;—  
They shook the depths of the desert gloom  
With their hymns of lofty cheer.

Amidst the storm they sang;  
And the stars heard, and the sea;  
And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang  
To the anthem of the free.

The ocean eagle soared,  
From his nest by the white wave's foam;  
And the rocking pines of the forest roared,—  
This was their welcome home!

There were men with hoary hair  
Amidst that pilgrim band;—  
Why had they come to wither there,  
Away from their childhood's land?

There was woman's fearless eye  
Lit by her deep love's truth;  
There was manhood's brow serenely high,  
And the fiery heart of youth.

What sought they thus afar?  
Bright jewels of the mine?  
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?  
They sought a faith's pure shrine.

Ay, call it holy ground,  
The soil where first they trod;  
They have left unstained what there they found—  
Freedom to worship God.

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**Study the picture and read the poem carefully; then answer these questions:**

1. What people are represented in the group?

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2. What are they doing?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

3. What vessel carried them across the ocean?

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4. Where is it in the picture?

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5. On what kind of coast did the Pilgrims land?

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6. What kind of weather did they have?

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7. How does a conqueror land?

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8. How does a refugee land?

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9. What was the spirit in which the Pilgrims came ashore?

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10. What did they do?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

11. What welcomed them to the new land?

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12. What kind of men and women were the Pilgrims?

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13. What was their purpose in coming to the New World?

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With the answers to these questions in mind, tell the story of "The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers."

**Follow this outline:**

1. The Pilgrims.
  - (a) How they came.
  - (b) What they did on landing.
2. The country.
  - (a) Kind.
  - (b) Weather.
3. Spirit in which the Pilgrims came.
  - (a) Not that of conquerors.
  - (b) Not that of refugees.
  - (c) But that of freemen.
4. Their welcome.
  - (a) By the eagle.
  - (b) By the pines.
5. Kind of men and women.
6. Their purpose in coming to New England.

**Written Composition on Picture**

Write an outline for an account of the *landing* of the Pilgrims, as suggested by the picture. Following this outline, write your composition.

