

Name _____

Date _____

“Across the Wide Dark Sea”

1. Re-read the first three paragraphs. Where are the characters and what are they doing? (Pg. 159)
2. “We were **crowded** below deck in a space so low that my father could barely stand upright, and so cramped that we could scarcely stretch out to sleep.” What words or phrases help you understand what cramped means? (Pg. 159)
3. Why did the boy say, “Our family was luckier than most. We had a corner out of the damp cold”? (Pg. 159)
4. “The choppy sea seemed angry.” The author uses personification to explain the state of the sea. How does the phrase, “the choppy sea seemed angry” help you understand the meaning of the word “choppy”? (Pg. 161)

5. On page 161, the narrator wonders, “How could a ship so small and helpless ever cross the vast ocean?” Why does the author tell us this? How does it connect with other events in the text?

6. From whose perspective is the story told? How do you know? (Pg. 162)

7. Reread this sentence: “Once during a storm a man was swept *overboard*.” What do you think the word “overboard” means? What clues from the text help you develop or confirm your understanding? (Pg. 162)

8. What are the challenges the people on the ship are experiencing? (Pg. 162)

9. How do things look for the characters right now? Why does the narrator tell us that “some of us are asking why we left our safe homes to go on this endless journey”? (Pg. 165)

10. What is the important new information on page 166? How does this information connect to other parts of the text? Based on his answer, what clues from the text can you use to determine what the word worship means? (Pg. 166)

11. Using evidence from the text, identify the mood of the story at this point. (Pg. 166)

12. What examples does the author use to show that the mood has changed? How do the voyagers feel? (Pg. 168)

13. What made it a 'long and terrible winter'? (Pg. 170)

14. What words did the author use to engage the senses? What season can you infer it is? (Pg. 173)

15. Describe the relationship between the settlers and the Indians. (Pg. 174)

16. Why does the boy feel all alone when the ships leave? (Pg. 176)

17. How does the end of the story compare to the beginning? (Pg. 177)

18. In what ways have the Pilgrims been successful?