

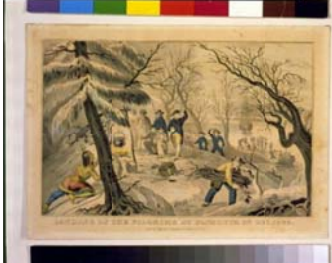




## Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

<p><b>Cover Image</b></p> 	<p><b>Title:</b> This is the Feast</p> <p><b>Author:</b> Diane Z. Shore</p> <p><b>Grade Level(s):</b> 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p><b>Topic/Theme:</b> The First Thanksgiving</p>	<p><b>Book Type:</b> Historical Fiction</p> <p><b>Setting and Time Period:</b> The New World “America” during the 1620s.</p> <p><b>Subjects:</b> Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, history, Mayflower, Indians</p>
<p><b>Primary Source Thumbnail</b></p>	<p><b>Caption</b> <b>Publication Information</b> <b>Book Notes</b></p>	<p><b>URL</b></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The first Thanksgiving 1621</p> <p><b>Photographer:</b> Ferris, Jean Leon Gerome</p> <p><b>Date Created/Published:</b> Cleveland, Ohio: The Foundation Press, Inc., c1932</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> When the Pilgrims arrived at the new land, they had many trials and tribulations to overcome. One of which was dealing with the Indians. In the spring of 1610, in what many consider the “first American Thanksgiving,” colonists in Jamestown, Virginia, held a thanksgiving prayer service after English supply ships arrived with much-needed food. Images of the landing at Plymouth in 1620, meetings with the Native people and the first Thanksgiving are included to help students consider the artistic vision in contrast to the reality of the actual events. Students can compare historical Thanksgiving celebrations with the ways families, schoolchildren and communities observe Thanksgiving today.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2001699850/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2001699850/</a></p>



	<p><b>Title:</b> The departure of the pilgrim fathers, for America, A.D. 1620 <b>Photographer:</b> N/A <b>Date Created/Published:</b> [no date recorded on shelllist card]</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> The Pilgrims left their homeland for a new and better life in the New World. It would be important to tell the students that this picture is just one representation of what the Pilgrims may have looked like at this time. However, a representation is not always a true fact.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2003666350/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2003666350/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The May Flower, 1620 <b>Photographer:</b> Halsall, William Formby <b>Date Created/Published:</b> [recreated between 1900 and 1920]</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> The Pilgrims traveled across the ocean in order to reach the New World. They were crammed on a ship called the <i>Mayflower</i> for a while. This picture could be used in order for the students to compare the ships/boats that we use now to the ships used during this time period.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/det1994023235/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/det1994023235/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1620 <b>Photographer:</b> N. Currier (Firm) <b>Date Created/Published:</b> New York: Lith. &amp; pub. By N. Currier, 2 Spruce St., [between 1838 and 1856]</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> When the Pilgrims first arrived, they investigated around their new surroundings. Images of the landing at Plymouth in 1620, meetings with the Native people and the first Thanksgiving are included to help students consider the artistic vision in contrast to the reality of the actual events.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/95503144/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/95503144/</a></p>



**Title:** The pilgrims signing the compact, on board the May Flower, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1620

**Photographer:** Matteson, Tompkins  
Harrison

**Date Created/Published:** New York:  
Published by W. Schaus 629  
Broadway, c1859

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2005684450/>

**Book Notes:** This picture shows the cramped quarters that the Pilgrims had to live in while traveling over to America. Multiple versions of the signing of the Mayflower Compact allow students to consider artists' differing points of view. Students can read and analyze official proclamations for a day of thanks from 1678, 1721, 1789, and 1863.

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