

Living the Pilgrim Life

The Pilgrims came to America in 1620. Read what life was like for Pilgrim children. As you read, compare your life to theirs.

Lesson

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PILGRIM CHILDREN

These children today are dressed like Pilgrims to help you imagine what life was like back then.



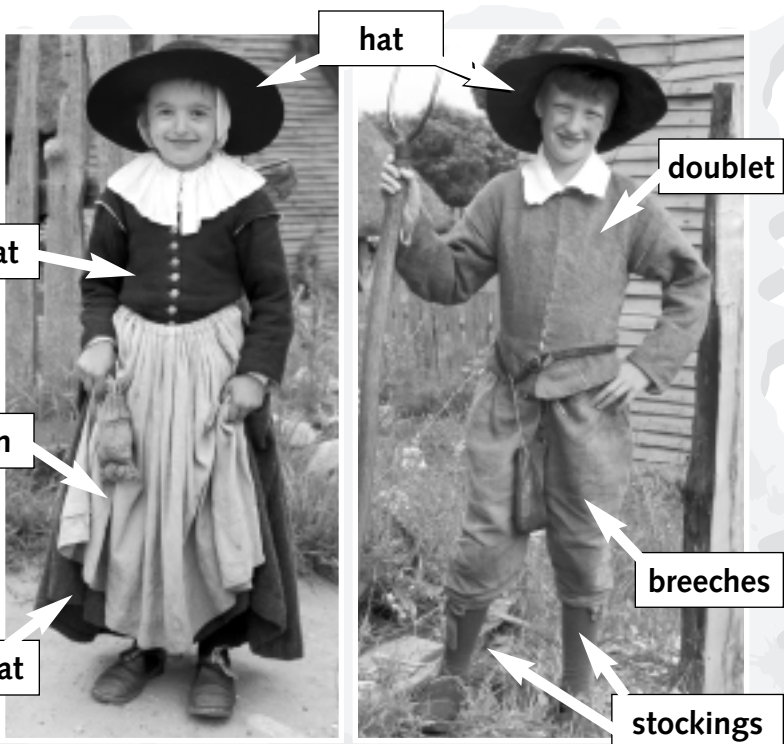
WORD WISE

- You may not know some of the words in the article. The photos will help you. For example, the **labels** show you what each piece of clothing is called.
- This **guide** will help you pronounce some of the words.
breeches (BRICH-uhs)
doublet (DUB-let)
kindling (KINNED-ling)
petticoat (PET-ee-coat)

Pilgrims did not have water in their homes. The children carried water from a stream with a yoke.

The children dressed like adults. The clothes are just like adult clothes. Children began to dress like this when they were 6 years old. They wore long sleeves, even in the summer!

The children did a lot of chores. All the Pilgrims had to work to live. Children did chores every day. The children cleaned the goat house and helped milk the goats. Children also gathered **kindling**, or firewood. They picked wild berries when they were ripe.



The children played Pilgrim games. The children had time for fun, too. They even played games. This one is called "Troll My Dame." It is played with marbles. It's like mini bowling.



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Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

- Which sentence is true?
 - Pilgrim children helped their families do work.
 - Pilgrim children had a lot of free time.
 - Pilgrim children lived just like children today.
 - Pilgrim children never played.
- The Pilgrims got their food _____ .
 - from a supermarket
 - from England
 - by growing it and finding it in the wild
 - from the ships they came on
- Pilgrim homes had no _____ .
 - walls
 - roofs
 - gardens
 - running water
- Why did the Pilgrims need firewood?
 - to cook their food
 - to warm their homes
 - to boil water
 - for all these things
- Write what we call some of the clothes Pilgrim children wore.

What do we call a **doublet**? _____

What do we call **breeches**? _____

What do we call a **petticoat**? _____

What do we call boys' **stockings**? _____



Then and Now

Compare your life with the life of Pilgrim children. Fill in the chart. Tell at least one thing about clothing, chores, and games.

	PILGRIM CHILDREN	YOU
Clothing	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Chores	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Games	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Write About It

Imagine that you are a Pilgrim child. Make two lists. In one list, write what you would like about living in those days. In the other list, write what you would miss from life today.