
Pilgrims and Lost Colony: The Plymouth Connection

Both the colonists for the fourth voyage to Roanoke Island (the “lost colonists”) and the pilgrims who settled in Massachusetts sailed from Plymouth, England. Read what you can about Plymouth during and between those two time periods. (You may want to check the web site for the recreation of the “Plimoth Plantation” at www.plimoth.org/Museum/Hobbamock/wetu.htm) From your readings and your own thinking, try to answer the following questions in your journal or on paper:

- . Why might Plymouth, England, have been the site from which both of these significant voyages sailed? What hypotheses can you present? What evidence supports these hypotheses?

- . What were similarities and differences in the motivations of these two different groups of colonists bound for the New World? (You may choose to use a Venn diagram or other graphic organizer.)

- . What were similarities and differences in the environments of the colonists at these two different times and locations? Comparisons could be based on physical (climate, geography, plants and animals), relational (relationship with others such as Native Americans as well as with each other), or emotional similarities or differences. You may choose to use a Venn

diagram or other graphic organizer to present your comparisons.

. If you could not know the outcome for each colony, which of these colonies would you have been more likely to join? State at least 5 specific reasons for your choice.