

# PLYMOUTH PROJECTS

## Explore

Read about the history of eating turkey for Thanksgiving. Then, write an original letter to humans from a turkey's point of view. Use details from the reading to support your point of view and explain your answer to the following question:

“Should humans eat turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner?”

**Materials:** mini-laptops, notebook paper

**Websites:** <http://www.eatturkey.com/why-turkey/history>

## Explain

Print or view the design of the Mayflower. Imagine that you are on the ship. Choose a point to start, then write directions to get to another point on the ship. You may not use numbers in your description, only the names of places. Trade with a friend and see if they can guess where you are in the ship.

**Materials:** mini-laptops, notebook paper, map of the Mayflower

**Websites:** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mosmd/mayflowerbig.htm>

## Measure

The size of the area where most of the pilgrims were on the Mayflower was approximately 68 feet long and 22 feet wide. Find the total area. Find the perimeter. Measure your classroom. Determine how many “classrooms” like the one you are in would fit in the Mayflower?

**Materials:** notebook paper, yard stick, multiplication chart

## Visit

Take a virtual tour of the Plymouth Plantation. Visit both the Pilgrim homes and the Native American homes.

**Materials:** mini-laptops

**Websites:** <http://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/thanksgiving-virtual-field-trip>

## Speak It!

With a partner, create a short skit talking like a pilgrim. Perform it for a teacher.

**Materials:** mini-laptops, notebook paper

**Websites:** <http://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/talk-pilgrim>

## Investigate It!

What was the first Thanksgiving really like? Be the detective!

**Materials:** mini-laptops, website checklist

**Websites:** <http://www.plimoth.org/media/olc/intro.html>

## Write It!

Read about Thanksgiving Myths. Choose one myth to explore and write about. Working with a partner, write a script for your own version of Thanksgiving Mythbusters! Put the research into your own words! Tell the true story about your Thanksgiving myth.

**Materials:** mini-laptops, notebook paper

**Websites:** <http://www.history.com/topics/mayflower-myths>

<http://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving>

## Write It!

Choose a food that you love to eat for Thanksgiving or another special time. Write 3 journal entries from that food's point of view. Example: Diary of a Potato might include an entry of what the potato feels like growing in a garden; entry two might explain being boiled in a pot on the stove. Be creative and use good, descriptive adjectives to explain how you are feeling.

**Materials:** mini-laptops, notebook paper