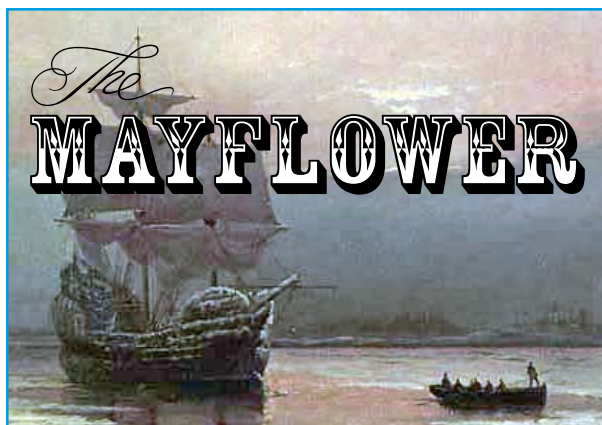


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The ship was a sailing ship, which was typical for that time period. It was about 100 feet long and only 25 feet wide at its widest point. There were three decks: the main deck, where the captain's quarters were; the gun deck, where the passengers stayed; and the cargo hold, which held all the supplies the Pilgrims would need to start a new colony.



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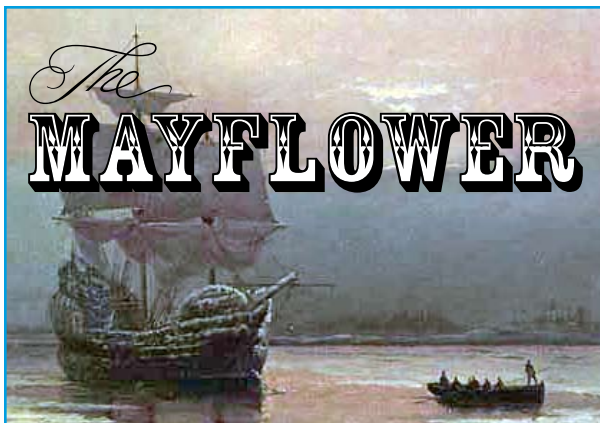
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3. About how many people stayed on the gun deck?

4. When did the Pilgrims reach the New World?



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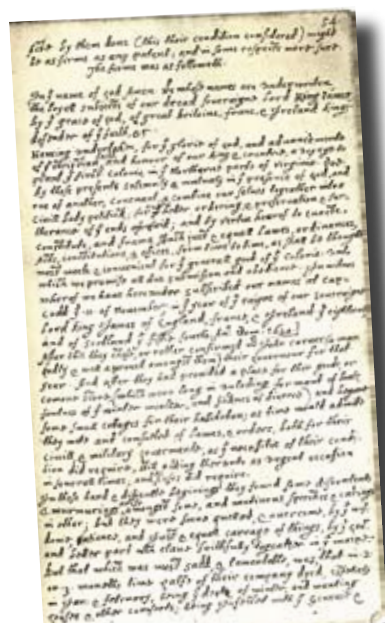
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