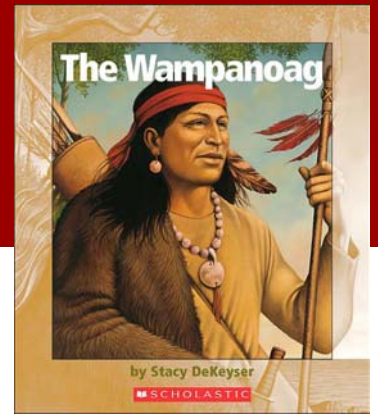


The Wampanoag

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The Wampanoag were the first Native people the Pilgrims met when they arrived in the New World in 1620. Barely fifty years later, the Wampanoag people fought those settlers in one of the deadliest wars ever fought on American soil.

Read & Review

- How long were the Wampanoag living in their lands before European settlers arrived?
- Why did so many settlers land on the coast of what we now call Massachusetts? Where were they from?
- Why were the settlers so eager to own land? How did the Wampanoag and other tribes, who did not believe land could be owned, compromise with the settlers?
- What were some of the diplomatic ways Metacom tried to work out differences with the English?
- Why did the Wampanoag finally lose patience with the English?
- Why was King Philip's War called the deadliest ever fought on American soil?

Social Studies

What are some modern-day examples of the principle of **reciprocity** in action? Think about neighbors, local businesses, and state or national governments.

The Native peoples traded goods with the settlers and taught them how to cultivate corn. What are some assets or skills that you could share with a new student from a different country? What are some things you would like to receive or learn from a new foreign student?

Science

The Wampanoag and other tribes were devastated by European illnesses such as smallpox, measles, and the plague because they had never been exposed to them before and had no natural *immunity*. How do we protect ourselves from these kinds of illnesses today? What are some illnesses we still need to eliminate or develop protection from?

The settlers thought they were arriving at a place with a mild climate similar to Spain's, but found a place that was harsher than England. What are the factors that affect the climate of the New England states?

Language Arts

Powwow is a Wampanoag word meaning *holy person* which is used today to describe any ceremonial gathering of American Indians. What are some other Indian words or names that you recognize?

In 1621, Massasoit signed a treaty with Plymouth Colony Governor John Carver. Using your own words, write an imaginary version of that treaty between the Wampanoag and the English settlers.

What are some legends about the first Thanksgiving? Why do you think they persist? Write a pretend newspaper that explains what the first Thanksgiving was really like. Include who attended, what they ate, what the weather was like, etc. Share your newspaper with family and friends.

Math

Using data from the book, make a graph to show how quickly the population of the English colonies grew between 1620 and 1643.

- 1620: ~ 50 settlers
- 1621: ~ 100 more came
- 1628 ~ 200 more arrived
- 1630 ~1000 more arrived
- 1634: total population ~4,000
- 1638: total population ~11,000
- 1643: total population ~20,000

Class Project

The planned arbitration meeting between Metacom and the colonists never happened. As a group, conduct an arbitration meeting with students representing both sides. Can you come up with a solution that avoids the deadly conflict? How might things be different today without that war? Use dioramas, maps, and pictures to show your conclusions.