



# Discussion Questions

## Note from the Author, Prologue & Chapter 1

What makes America special?

Think about the characters we've met so far. Do you relate to any of them? Who do you think you are most like?

## Chapter 2

What are some of the reasons the Pilgrims wanted to leave for the New World?

The Pilgrims made a lot of sacrifices for freedom. Can you name a few? Would this be hard for you?

Do you agree with the Bradford's decision to leave their son to pursue freedom? Why or why not?

## Chapter 3

Have you ever had a similar experience to the Pilgrims?

When have you had to be brave even though you felt scared?

## Chapter 4

The Pilgrims and the Strangers had to live together even though they were very different. How do you think they got along?

How have you learned to get along with people who are different from you?

## Chapter 5

Rush Revere asks Tommy, "If you had a horse like Liberty, what exceptional event in American history would you visit first?" Put yourself in Tommy's shoes and imagine that Rush Revere is asking YOU this question. Where would you go? Who would you like to meet?



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## Chapter 6

In this chapter we first hear about the Common House. Do you think there will be any problems with this plan? Make a prediction about what you think will happen.

Think about this quote from Rush Revere – “If we feel and learn nothing from the tragedies of the past, then we’ll never know how to truly help avoid those same tragedies in the future. Certainly, we can’t avoid all pain and suffering, but we can and should learn from it.” What do you think this means? How can we apply this today?

## Chapter 7

Which Native American came to visit the Pilgrims in this chapter? Think about this situation from both the Indians’ and the Pilgrims’ point of view. Would they have been scared of each other? Why or why not?

## Chapter 8

What hardships did Squanto have to endure in his life? How did this help prepare him for his time with the Pilgrims?

## Chapter 9

Think about this quote from Rush Revere – “Likewise, most people don’t see history for what it truly is. To know the truth about history, it needs to be experienced to be understood. When we begin to know the real people who were a part of real events in history, we begin to see those events differently.” Do you agree or disagree?

Have any of the characters changed in the book? How have they grown?

## Chapter 10

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

What are some of the differences between the First Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving today?

If you could jump in to any part of the book, where would you go?

What did you learn from reading *Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims*? What was your favorite part?



# Vocabulary

For each chapter, have your students analyze these vocabulary words by looking up where the word is located in *Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims*. After reading the sentence containing the word, allow the students to discuss what the word may mean using context clues. Then, have them look up the word in the dictionary. Was their prediction correct? To solidify understanding, ask the students to use the word in a sentence.

## Chapter 1

1. Prattled - p.6
2. Assuredly - p.7
3. Pantomimed - p.10
4. Flabbergasted - p.11
5. Spontaneously - p.14



## Chapter 2

1. Instantaneously - p.19
2. Adversity - p.25
3. Theoretically - p.29
4. Tempestuous - p.32
5. Interrogation - p.35



## Chapter 3

1. Pondering - p.37
2. Reluctant - p.43
3. Sheepishly - p.46
4. Novice - p.50
5. Affectionately - p.53



## Chapter 4

1. Billowed - p.61
2. Sieve - p.63
3. Prosperous - p.64
4. Vaguely - p.67
5. Tempest - p.78



## Chapter 5

1. Frivolity - p.86
2. Haggard - p.86
3. Contention - p.87
4. Furrowed - p.88
5. Commotion - p.111



## Chapter 6

1. Dismounted - p.113
2. Smorgasbord - p.114
3. Imperceptible - p.116
4. Hearty - p.119
5. Disoriented - p.128







# Vocabulary

## Chapter 7

1. Intently - p.137
2. Halter - p.142
3. Barren - p.143
4. Bounteous - p.143
5. Eager - p.150



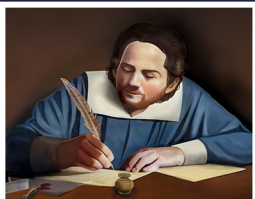
## Chapter 8

1. Incentive - p.162
2. Commonwealth - p.163
3. Flourish - p.163
4. Unnerving - p.166
5. Indulge - p.171



## Chapter 9

1. Gnarled - p.172
2. Resin - p.173
3. Alliteration - p.178
4. Intrusion - p.181
5. Discreetly - p.185



## Chapter 10

1. Exasperated - p.187
2. Gibberish - p.190
3. Compassion - p.192
4. Mesmerizing - p.195
5. Bewildered - p.198

