

Nicholas

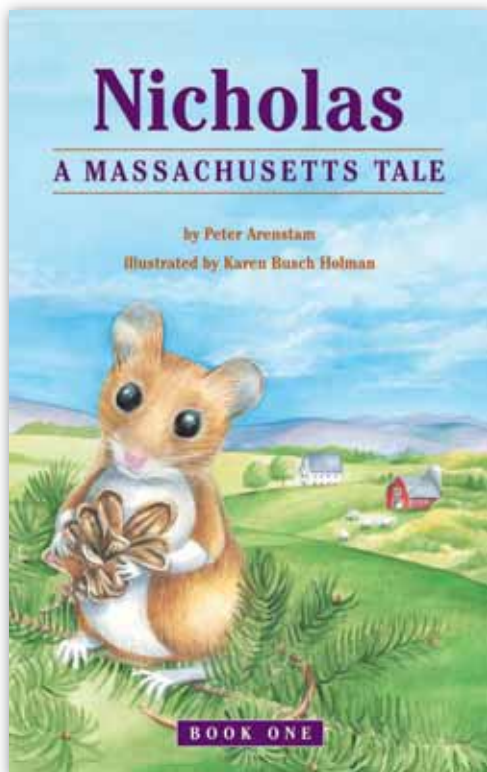
A MASSACHUSETTS TALE

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Johnny Appleseed—True or False?



NAME _____

Early in the book *Nicholas: A Massachusetts Tale*, Nicholas runs into a character who tells him all about Johnny Appleseed, without ever saying Johnny's name. Even though *Nicholas* is a fictional story, did you know that Johnny Appleseed was a real person?

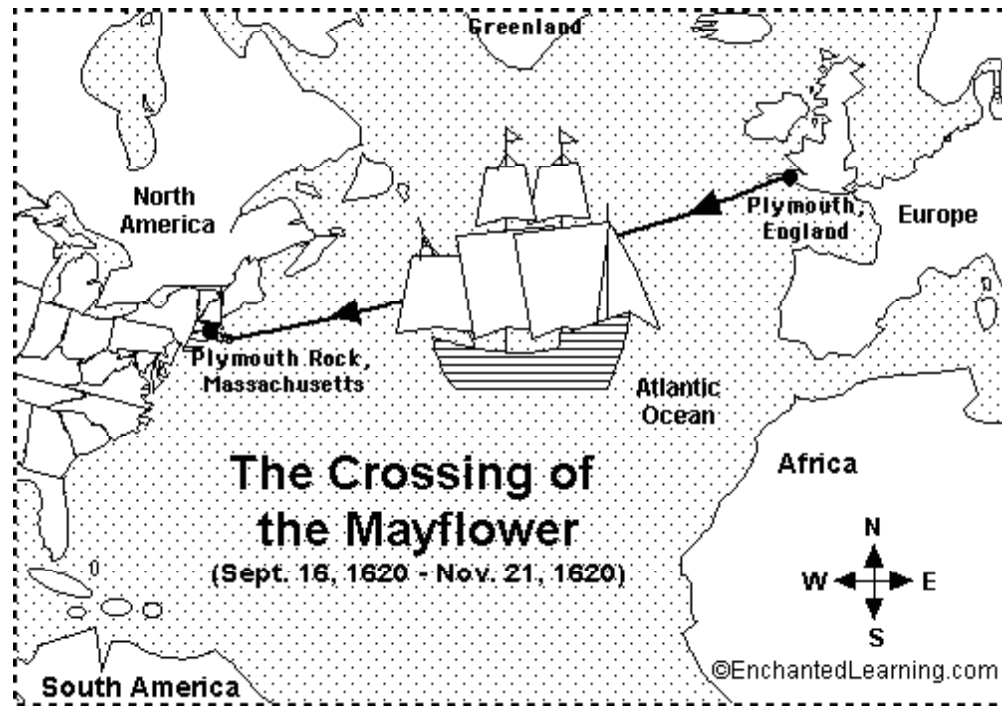
Answer the following statements with either true or false and see how much you know about Johnny Appleseed's life.

1. _____ Johnny Appleseed was a real person. (This is a freebie!)
2. _____ Johnny planted apple trees in Florida.
3. _____ Johnny Appleseed's real name was John Chapman.
4. _____ People say that Johnny was very religious and carried a Bible with him everywhere he went.
5. _____ Johnny got his name because he loved to eat apples.
6. _____ Johnny sold and gave away apple tree seedlings to pioneers.
7. _____ Johnny was the first person to make an apple pie.
8. _____ Johnny Appleseed wore a cooking pot for a hat.

Mayflower Map Skills



NAME _____



1. From which city and country did the Pilgrims leave for the New World?

2. From which continent did they leave? _____
3. When did the Pilgrims set sail? _____
4. In which direction did the Pilgrims sail: northeast, northwest, southwest, or southeast?

5. Which ocean did the Pilgrims cross? _____
6. To which continent did they sail? _____
7. How long did their voyage take: 5 days, 30 days, 66 days, or 94 days? _____

Paul Revere Alphabet Code



NAME _____

Paul Revere was a silversmith who tried to warn the Americans that the British were invading when the American Revolution began. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and worked making silverware and other items made out of silver and gold. He was a soldier during the French and Indian War.

Revere was one of the important people in the infamous Boston Tea Party in 1773. This act opposed the taxing of goods, including tea. Revere, along with other Americans, dumped valuable tea into the Boston Harbor as an act of protest.

Paul Revere was a messenger for the American army. His job was to warn the people if and when the British were coming. On the night of the British invasion, Revere was to ride on a horse with one lantern if the British were coming by land and two lanterns if they were coming by sea.

Below is a puzzle of a very popular quote said by Paul Revere on the night that began the American Revolution. Use the alpha code to learn the famous quote.

A = 1	F = 6	K = 11	P = 16	U = 21	Z = 26
B = 2	G = 7	L = 12	Q = 17	V = 22	
C = 3	H = 8	M = 13	R = 18	W = 23	
D = 4	I = 9	N = 14	S = 19	X = 24	
E = 5	J = 10	O = 15	T = 20	Y = 25	

“ _____ ,
15 14 5 9 6 2 25 12 1 14 4

20 23 15 9 6 2 25 19 5 1
_____.”

Label Massachusetts



NAME _____

Use a map or the internet to locate each Massachusetts location on the map. You can write either the name of the city or the number with which it corresponds.

1. Berkshire Mountains
2. Boston
3. Cape Cod
4. Gloucester
5. Plymouth Rock
6. Quabbin Reservoir
7. Stockbridge

Hint: If you get stuck, use the map on the inside front cover of your book to check the places Nicholas visited.



Benjamin Franklin Trivia



NAME _____

Benjamin Franklin was an important inventor and politician from Massachusetts. Do some research on Franklin and then test your knowledge about this very important American by answering the following questions.

1. In what year was Franklin born? _____
2. Name one important document that Franklin signed. _____
3. What invention resulted from Franklin's experimentation with a kite in a thunderstorm?

4. What invention of Franklin's helped people keep warm? _____
5. Franklin proposed an idea in 1784 that would help the world by changing the clocks. What was this idea? _____
6. How many years of formal education did Franklin have? _____
7. At the end of the Revolutionary War, Franklin helped negotiate peace with which country? _____

Language Similarities



NAME _____

As the story suggests, the Native Americans played an important role in shaping the world that we live in today. Words in our English language were created from words that Native Americans spoke. Read over the following Native American words and match them with the correct English word. Draw a line to connect the matching words.

Hint: Even though some of the Native American words are difficult to read, they look very similar to the English word!

Native American word:

abukcheech

allpaka

ahuacatl

barbricot

canoe

caribou

acaju

xocolatl

chitmunk

hammock

huracan

mohkussin

aposoum

batata

squnck

tamalli

tomatl

English word:

cashew

hammock

tomato

alpaca

canoe

moccasin

avocado

chocolate

mouse

potato

skunk

chipmunk

caribou

barbeque

opposum

hurricane

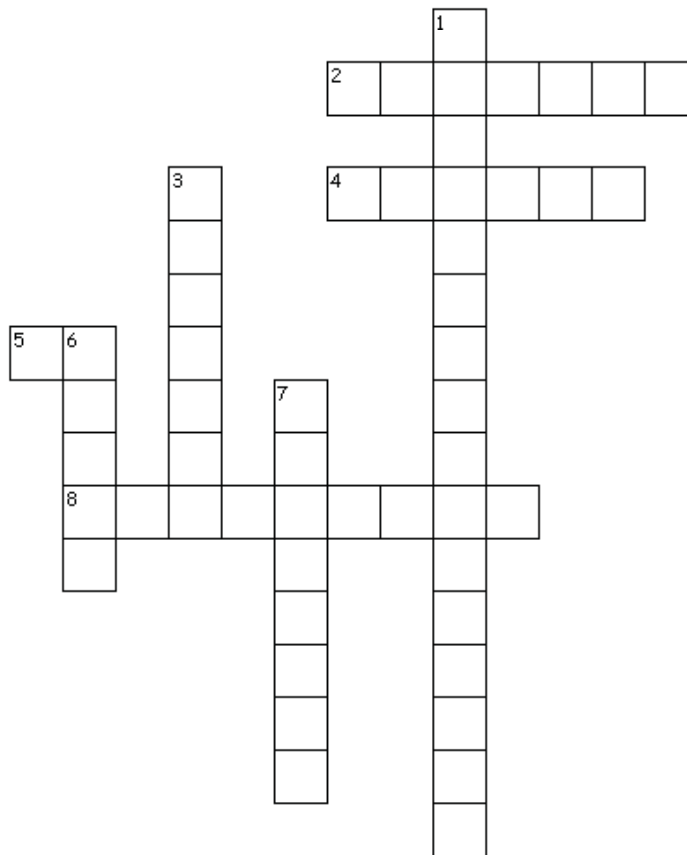
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Massachusetts Mania



NAME _____

Let's see how much you know about Massachusetts! Read the clues and fill in the word search.



Across

2. _____ Reservoir; a famous river found in Massachusetts that is also mentioned in the book *Nicholas: A Massachusetts Tale*
4. The Massachusetts state capital
5. Abbreviation for the state of Massachusetts
8. State flower of Massachusetts; also the name of a famous boat that carried Pilgrims

Down

1. The name for people who live in Massachusetts
3. The 35th president who was born in Massachusetts, had a very famous wife, and was assassinated
6. The 2nd U.S. president, also born in Massachusetts
7. The ocean that borders the state to the east

Massachusetts Munchies



Did you know that many states have a “state cookie” and that the state cookie for Massachusetts is the chocolate chip cookie?

Here is an easy recipe for chocolate chip cookies. So, gather all the ingredients and a grown-up to help. Then, bake and nibble on some delicious cookies while reading about Nicholas and his adventures!

Ingredients:

2 c. flour

1 ½ c. sugar

1 tsp. baking soda

½ bag chocolate chips (small)

2 sticks butter, softened

2 eggs

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350° degrees.
2. Combine the ingredients in a bowl and mix well.
3. Grease a cookie sheet.
4. Use a spoon to drop out cookies onto the greased cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 350° degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.
6. Get a tall glass of milk and enjoy!

Massachusetts Mathematics



NAME _____

Answer the following math story problems.

1. Paul Revere had an important responsibility of warning the Americans when the English invaded. However, he was feeling a little tired so he lay down at 10:35 pm. Paul slept for 1 hour and 15 minutes. At what time did he awake?

2. Throughout United States history, four presidents were born in Massachusetts. Four other presidents were born in New York. And eight presidents were born in Virginia. If our country has had 43 presidents, how many presidents were not born in Massachusetts, New York and Virginia?

3. Massachusetts is very well known for its fishing industry. Each day, a fishing market in Boston sells 500 pounds of fish. How many pounds will this market sell in one week?

4. The Quabbin Reservoir is 18 miles long. A girl decides to go for 3-day hiking trip and see the entire length of the reservoir. If she walks the same distance each day, how many miles does she hike in one day?

5. The coastline of Massachusetts has about 66 lighthouses. If $\frac{2}{3}$ of these lighthouses are still active, how many active lighthouses are still in the state of Massachusetts?

6. Johnny Appleseed plants 50 trees along the east coast of Massachusetts. He then plants twice that many on the western side of the state. He then decides to go back to the east coast and plant 100 more apple trees. How many total trees did Johnny plant?

Answer Keys



References: www.enchantedlearning.com

Johnny Appleseed

1. **True:** Of course he was a real person!
2. **False:** Johnny is best known for planting apple seeds throughout the state of Massachusetts.
3. **True:** Johnny Appleseed was born John Chapman but after doing so much agricultural work with apples, villagers nicknamed him Johnny Appleseed.
4. **True:** If you ever see drawings of Johnny, he is usually holding a Bible.
5. **False:** There is nothing that says Johnny Appleseed liked to eat apples, but he did enjoy planting them.
6. **True:** Johnny realized the demand for apples in Massachusetts and started selling seedlings to pioneers.
7. **False:** While this would have been a great part of his story, Johnny Appleseed was never known to make an apple pie.
8. **True:** How strange!

Mayflower Map Skills

1. Plymouth, England
2. Europe
3. September 16, 1620
4. Southwest
5. Atlantic Ocean
6. North America
7. 66 days

Answer Keys continued



Paul Revere Alpha Code “One if by land, two if by sea.”

Benjamin Franklin Trivia

1. 1706
2. Declaration of Independence
3. Electricity
4. Stove
5. Daylight savings time
6. 1 year
7. England

Massachusetts Mathematics

1. 11:50 pm
2. 27 presidents
3. 3500 pounds
4. 6 miles
5. 44 lighthouses
6. 250 apple trees

Language Similarities

Abukcheech: mouse

Allpaka: alpaca

Ahuacatl: avocado

Barbricot: barbeque

Canoe: canoe

Caribou: caribou

Acaju: cashew

Xocolatl: chocolate

Chitmunk: chipmunk

Hammock: hammock

Huracan: hurricane

Mohkussin: moccasin

Aposoum: opossum

Batata: potato

Squnck: skunk

Tamalli: tamale

Tomatl: tomato

Answer Keys continued



Massachusetts Mania

