

# Wish You Were Here!

## Reading together: Teacher notes

Four reading together texts are provided. These are all using real world examples of writing, and writing from the past. Short or long texts can be used according to the reading attainment of the pupils.

WYWH5 and WYWH6 are extracts from a 1622 publication known as Mourt's relation (the full title is: Relation or Journal of the Beginning and Proceedings of the English Plantation Settled at Plimoth in New England) written by Edward Winslow and William Bradford, who were both separatists who sailed on the Mayflower. The first section covering the crossing of the Atlantic was written by William Bradford.

WYWH7 and WYWH8 are extracts from a speech written by the Wampanoag Sachem Frank James in 1970. He was asked to write the speech for a state dinner, but was told by the organisers that he could not deliver it, as it cast the Pilgrim's in a bad light. Refusing to be silenced, he went up Cole Hill to the statue of the Massasoit and gave his speech there. This began the Native Tradition of a National Day of Mourning to be held on every Thanksgiving. Interestingly the historical facts that Frank James based his speech on came from Mourt's relation, the separatists own account of events.

Reading together can either be a class activity with the text on the whiteboard or a group activity with printed texts to read. In either case it may aid comprehension if you pause after each paragraph and discuss the meanings of unfamiliar words and what the writer is saying.