How Did Pilgrim Children Live?



The Pilgrims came to America nearly 400 years ago. They came to be free to worship and live in their own way. Pilgrim families brought their children with them. What was life like for Pilgrim children?

At a young age, they had to work to help their families. Young children could carry wood for fires. Some learned to cook. Older children helped plant crops for food. Pilgrim children learned to read and write. Their parents taught them at home. But it was not all work for Pilgrim children!

They had some time to play. They played games like leapfrog or marbles. Some children had dolls made of cloth. They called the dolls "poppets."



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Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What did Pilgrim children need to do to help their families?

- a) work
- b) play
- c) go to school

2. The passage gives information about Pilgrims. When did the Pilgrims come to America?

- a) last year
- b) nearly 1000 years ago
- c) nearly 400 years ago

3. Pilgrim children played games like leapfrog or marbles. Pilgrim children also played with dolls called poppets.

What does this information tell us about how Pilgrim children lived?

- a) Pilgrim children didn't like playing games.
- b) Pilgrim children never got to play because they worked.
- c) Pilgrim children had time to play.



4. What is the passage mostly about?

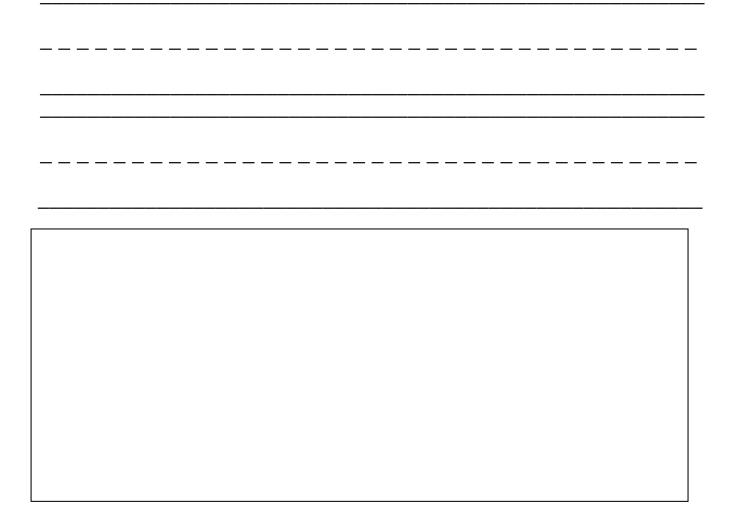
- a) games Pilgrim children played
- b) how Pilgrim children came to America
- c) what life was like for Pilgrim children

5. A) Name one of the three ways that Pilgrim children helped their family.

B) Draw a picture of Pilgrim children helping their family.



6. What did you learn from "How did Pilgrim Children Live"?



7. Class Discussion Question: Explain what important role Pilgrim children had in their families. Use information from the passage to support your answer.

