



*Rise and Shine for America*

**Are you in 5th through 8th grade?  
You're invited to participate in an**

# **Essay Contest**

## **Topic for 2019-2020**

2020 marks the 400th Anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the founding of the Plymouth Colony. Imagine you are one of the passengers on the Mayflower. Knowing what materials were available in 1620, what would you have packed to prepare for the trip and starting a new life in the wilderness? After experiencing more than two months at sea then finally landing at Plymouth Colony on November 9, 1620, do you think you would have made different choices and why?

### **Title of Essay**

**“The Voyage of the Mayflower”**

### **Open to Grades 5-8**

Length 300-1,000 words (depending on grade level)

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