

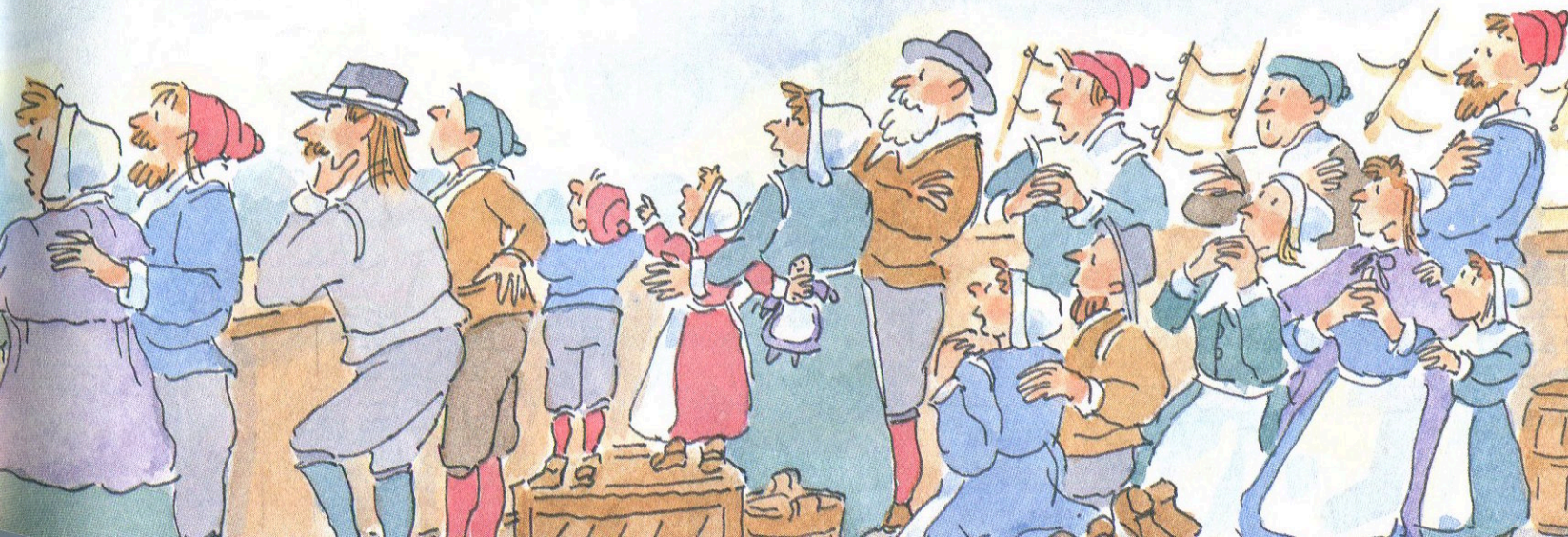
How did the Pilgrims feel when they saw land?

William Bradford, one of the Pilgrim leaders, wrote: “Many fell upon their knees, and blessed the God of Heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean.”

The Pilgrims were full of joy. But they must have felt frightened too, as they looked across the water to the lonely shore.

They had sailed thousands of miles across the sea. They might never again see their homes in England.

Here, in this strange land, there were no homes.



There were no towns. There were no friends to greet them.

They would have to stay on the *Mayflower* until they could find a place to live, until they could build houses.

The passengers began to quarrel. Some of the Pilgrims said that when they got to shore they would go wherever they pleased. "None have the power to command us," they said.

The Pilgrim leaders knew that they must all stay together for safety. They had to make laws that would end the quarreling.

