

What did the Pilgrims wear?

Do you think that Pilgrim men always wore black clothes and tall, stiff black hats?

Do you think that Pilgrim women always wore long gray dresses with white collars?

Well, they didn't. Those were just their Sunday clothes.

The Pilgrims wore brightly colored clothes for every day.

Women wore long woolen dresses of red, green, or blue. They wore white linen caps that came down over their ears.

Girls dressed just like their mothers.

Pilgrim men and boys wore long-sleeved blue or green shirts. They wore woolen or leather jackets called *doublets* and pants called *breeches*. They wore red or green woolen stockings and knitted stocking caps.

Little boys wore long dresses until they were six years old. After that, they dressed like the men.

On cold days, the Pilgrims wore red or purple capes. Women and girls wore capes with hoods.

In the summer, children and many grown-ups went barefoot.

The only clothes the Pilgrims wore that first year were the clothes they brought with them on the *Mayflower*.

