

***New England Heritage Tour East  
Research Questions Meeting # 3***

**Note:** *Research questions are the responsibility of each student. Students will select their topic of interest with help from their Group Leader. Students need to prepare an oral presentation to share their research with members of their group. Each student should also prepare a “visual” that might include maps, charts, pictures, models, foods or other audio visual displays. This process is designed to help each student prepare for what they will see and experience on tour.*

***The Pilgrim Story***

- 1. Why did the pilgrims decide to leave Europe? How were they organized? Who was in charge?*
- 2. How did the Pilgrims travel from Europe to the New World? What was life like aboard the Mayflower? Were those who sailed the Mayflower also Pilgrims? Did the Pilgrims and Sailors get along well? Why or why not? Would you make that same journey?*
- 3. Where did the Pilgrims first land? Why did they not stay? What was their final landing spot? How was Plimoth Plantation designed?*
- 4. How did the Pilgrims survive the first winter? What was their relationship with the Indians. Who was the Indian leader? How did they help each other?*

***Old Ironsides***

- 1. How did the USS Constitution earn it’s nickname “Old Ironsides”*
- 2. Who was the first commander of “Old Ironsides”? Where did he take her? What was the first war if fought?*
- 3. What role does “Old Ironsides” play in today’s Navy? Describe what life would have been like as a sailor in the late 1700’s and early 1800’s?*

***USS Massachusetts***

- 1. What was the significance of this ship in Naval History? Where was it constructed? What class of ship is this considered?*
- 2. Describe life aboard a Navy Warship in the mid 1900’s? Where did this ship travel defending America? What are the different ranks in today’s Navy?*

***USS Lionfish***

- 1. Why was being in a submarine so dangerous during WWII? What is a torpedo? How was it fired from the submarine. What is a conning tower? What was a conning tower used for?*
- 2. How can a submarine submerge? What is ballast? What did the submarine use for fuel while under water? How long could a WWII submarine stay submerged without coming to the surface?*

