

Bay (n.): part of the sea that curves in toward land

Harbor (n.): a place along the coast when boats can find shelter

Fowl (n.): water birds

Anticipating (v.): worried would happen

William Bradford, Edward Winslow (1865). *Mourt's Relation, or Journal of the Plantation at Plymouth*

And upon the 11th of November we came to anchor in the *bay*, which is a good *harbor* and pleasant bay, circled round,to the very sea with oaks, pines, juniper, sassafras, and other sweet wood. It is a harbor where a thousand ships may safely ride. ...There was the greatest store of *fowl* that we ever saw.

Questions:

1. What did they see in the harbor?
2. Why was wood important?
3. What was important about the harbor?
4. What products did the colonists see in the harbor that they could use in their settlement?
5. What problems were the colonists *anticipating*? Cite evidence from the passages.
6. Why was location of the colony important according to the Pilgrims?