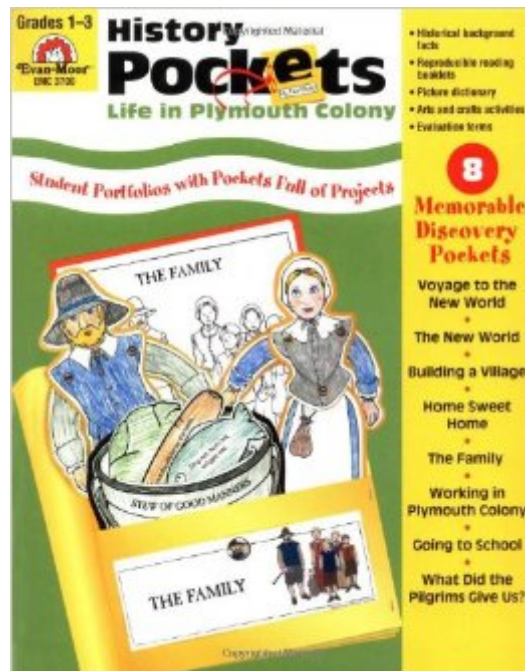


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# History Pockets: Life In Plymouth Colony, Grades 1-3



## Synopsis

History Pockets-Life in Plymouth Colony, Grades 13, contains eight discovery pockets. Each of the pockets contains: a reproducible pocket label, four dictionary words and pictures, a fact sheet of background information for the teacher, a reproducible student information booklet complete with illustrations, and arts and crafts projects, plus writing activities. Evaluation forms are provided at the end of the book to give students a chance to reflect on all they have learned. The eight pockets about Pilgrims and their way of life are: Voyage to the New World, The New World, Building a Village, Home Sweet Home, The Family, Working in Plymouth Colony, Going to School, and What Did the Pilgrims Give Us?.

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Age Range: 6 and up

Grade Level: 1 and up

## Customer Reviews

While the History Pocket books are great for making a book, they are a little boring by themselves. There is too much coloring and not enough learning. We have learned more by reading library books, the encyclopedia, watching an educational show, or talking about the subjects. When we purchased these, I liked the idea. But, after wasting a lot of our homeschool day with the children coloring (by day 3, coloring had turned into scribbles) I decided to use these as supplemental activities. We read and do art projects. We talk about the subjects. My kids liked their pilgrim puppets, the diorama of the room... and that is about it... We have several of the HP products. Now, we let the kids chose which ones looked "fun", and skip the rest. While it is nice to have a book to

look at afterwards, I feel they do not serve a great purpose. (And they are a waste of printer paper and ink.) They are nice if you need a "work sample" for school, but I feel they are just "busy work". History can be learned in much more interesting ways.

I just finished teaching a homeschool co-op class using this curriculum. I have very mixed feelings about this book- I'll just list them out. Pros:-Interesting material, tons of activities/projects, very clear instructions, and it makes a great book once you're done! Cons:-I don't think this works well for 1st grade. I taught it to 12 kids ages 6-9, and it was definitely hard for the younger ones. I think that at a minimum, the students should be able to read and write before using this. I think it would work best for grades 2-4, or even 5.-I don't know how long they expect each unit to take, but we attempted to do these 8 pockets in 12 one-hour sessions. In order to accomplish that, I had to do a LOT of prep work at home. In addition to buying the supplies and making a lot of copies, I had to cut out a ton of things. The students could have done it, but there's no way we could've completed the tasks in the allotted time.-There is a ton of coloring and gluing. One of my students told me that she doesn't like coloring; she thinks it's a waste of her time. She was bored quite a bit! That said, I think it is a good resource, when used in the right situation. I also did it with my 3 homeschooled kids (grades K, 3, and 5) and we enjoyed it. I'm looking into doing another one of the units.

I used this with my children, ages 7 and 9, to supplement our study of the colonies. It is a fun, hands on way to learn about the different aspects of colonial life. There are eight chapters with simple projects to do in each, and a pocket to store the things in for each chapter. The eight chapters are Voyage to the New World, The New World, Building a Village, Home Sweet Home, The Family, Working in Plymouth Colony, Going to School, What Did the Pilgrims Give Us? The projects involve paper, cutting and pasting, some writing, coloring, diaramas, and a vocabulary page for each chapter/pocket. My only complaint is that some of the projects get pretty repetitive, lots of cutting and glueing. I have other History Pockets books and we will probably only use parts of them, rather than do all the projects in all the pockets.

This was such a fun product for my 2nd grade homeschooler! My 3 year old wanted to do it too! Great way to learn about history in a fun and interesting way and to take care of art at the same time. Will be ordering the other books in the future.

I teach 2nd and 3rd grade and the History Pockets are a great resource - especially for Core

Knowledge schools. I find the content most appropriate for high functioning 3rd graders. I can't imagine a 6th grader doing some of the activities. Some seem too primary for that old of a kiddo. Crafty and hands on, much better than worksheets.

Great history lessons incorporating interesting and memorable crafts and vocabulary. This is my second history pocket and I am not disappointed. I love the ease of using this along with the ability to use from Grades 1 - 3. Great for homeschooling and I can use this additional years and go into further detail along with doing more involved crafts so it doesn't seem repetitive. Love them!

I got this book to teach my 3rd grade students about the Pilgrims. It really involved a LOT of copying and organizing on my end, as well as purchasing quite a bit of supplies. I think if I was home schooling, it wouldn't be so bad, but for my 15 students it started adding up. If you do this, I would definitely stretch it out over about 2 weeks of school. We did ours in about 3 days because of when I got the book, and it was TOO MUCH coloring, cutting, and pasting for that short a time. I will use this again, but will definitely spread it out over a longer period of time to do only 1 pocket a day, and I may not do all the pockets. Also, some things were difficult for my 3rd graders to do on their own, so I felt like I spent the whole time rushing around helping them cut tricky things, tie string, etc., so if you are working with younger kids, keep that in mind. The students DID enjoy the projects, for the most part, and it was really nice for them to have this artifact to take home right before Thanksgiving, but it was pretty labor-intensive on my part. Again, if you home school, I think it would be much easier since you don't have to do everything x15-30 kids. All in all, I am glad I used this book.

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