


## Museums Worcestershire Make-athon Challenges

### The Mayflower: Creative Writing

A different type of 'making', we ask you to make a piece of creative-writing inspired by our local Pilgrim, Edward Winslow! 



**Discover**  5 facts:

1. The Mayflower's sister ship was called the Speedwell, but it was deemed unseaworthy and never sailed.
2. Born on 18th October 1595 in Droitwich, Edward Winslow was one of 102 passengers who travelled to America to escape religious persecution aboard the Mayflower.
3. Edward was regarded as a crucial figure for the Mayflower. He had skills in diplomacy, writing and an interest in politics & the indigenous culture of America.
4. The first interactions with members of the local tribes did not go well, but the diplomatic skills of Winslow with the local 'Sachem' or King, Massasoit, helped in the first few years.
5. Within 30 years England had established an influential presence in Virginia and Massachusetts. The treatment of local populations became increasingly harsh and vast numbers died from imported diseases such as smallpox.

**Explore** the Mayflower 400 exhibition online ([www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk/avada\\_portfolio/mayflower-400-exhibition/](http://www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk/avada_portfolio/mayflower-400-exhibition/)), read about the Mayflower 400 UK project ([www.mayflower400uk.org](http://www.mayflower400uk.org)) to see what the other partners have been up!

**Create** a piece of writing – don't forget to share your work and tag us on Twitter (@worcestermuseum), Facebook (search Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum) or Instagram (@museumsworcestershire)!

Here are some ideas to get you started:

**The Voyage:** Imagine that you are mid-way through the crossing, contending with bad weather, rough seas, relationships, boredom, death. Consider the interaction between those on board - describe circumstances and coping strategies.

**Hopes and Dreams:** Consider the reality of stepping on shore - disease, hunger, confrontation, settlement. Use your research to get a flavour of what they would have faced as they disembarked versus what they hoped for.

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