

*L M , W M , 1651.*

To the north, John Eliot preaches to all who will listen. To the south, Thomas Mayhew preaches on Noepe and Nantucket. Richard Bourne preaches from Manomet to Massipee, and throughout the Narrow Land.

Reports tell us Hiacoomes from Chappaquiddick was the first Wampanoag to convert in 1643. Many people have converted, but many others see this religion as the end of our ancient way of life. This has caused much strife and division in our communities.

Now Eliot has established a "Praying Town" at Natick, with many more planned. The goal is to make Indian people English. They must comply with the set regulations, or receive fines or punishment. This threatens not only our way of life, but our very lives. Yet many agree to live this way in order to live at all.

MANY MYTHS surround the arrival of the English settlers. One is that the Indians welcomed the Pilgrims with open arms. Another is the "peace treaty" of 1621. And everyone's heard of the First Thanksgiving! Another huge misunderstanding is the idea of 50 years of peace until King Philip's War in 1675.