

Bookfolio for **Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock?**

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Recommended for: [Grades 3-5](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Historical Fiction](#)

Story Summary: Everyone knows the story of the Pilgrims' landing in Plymouth Harbor in 1620. Jean Fritz has uncovered the story of the large rock lying in the harbor which undoubtedly greeted those First Comers! We will never know whether or not the Pilgrims actually stepped on Plymouth Rock, for "the rock didn't say." Over the years, Americans have paid tribute to their "solid piece of history" in a variety of ways. It has been surrounded by a wharf, moved under an elm tree, dropped, broken, mended, and finally moved back to the harbor. Delightful illustrations by J.B. Handelsman add to this extraordinary, humorous, yet factual story about the big rock in Plymouth Harbor.

Read-aloud Recommendation: pages 7-15

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock? - Independent Activities	Skills
1. The Joys of Research (Researching a topic)	R , W
2. History and Humor (Noting author's use of humor)	R , W
3. This Is Your Life, Plymouth Rock (Making a time line)	D , R
4. Land Ho! (Writing a journal entry)	D , W
5. Visit A Piece of History (Locating information)	D , S , W
6. Celebrations (Writing descriptive paragraphs)	D , W
Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock? - Group Activities	Skills
1. Wander About in History (Giving a book talk)	R , S
2. More Titles (Creating book titles)	S , W
3. Rock Song (Writing a song)	R , S
4. The Rock Speaks (Creating a dramatization)	S
5. Who's That Moving Plymouth Rock? (Giving a report and demonstration)	D , R
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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