Thanksgiving

A Holiday About Giving
Thanks

History

- On September 16, 1620, a group of people called Pilgrims left England because King James I did not permit religious freedom. He forced Everyone to belong to the Church of England. The Pilgrims boarded a ship called the Mayflower and set sail for America.
- They sailed for 66 days over choppy waters and sometimes through stormy weather.
- On November 21, 1620 (2 months later) the Pilgrims arrived in America. They landed at Plymouth Rock in Plymouth Massachusetts.

The First Winter

- There were about 100 Pilgrims.
- The first winter was very cold and difficult for the Pilgrims.
- Many of them were sick and did not have enough food to eat.
- Half of the Pilgrims did not survive the first winter



Native Americans

- The pilgrims met a friendly Native American Tribe called The Wampanoag Tribe
- The Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to live in the wilderness.
- They gave the Pilgrims seeds for corn and taught them how to plant crops for food.
- They also taught the Pilgrims how to hunt and fish for food.

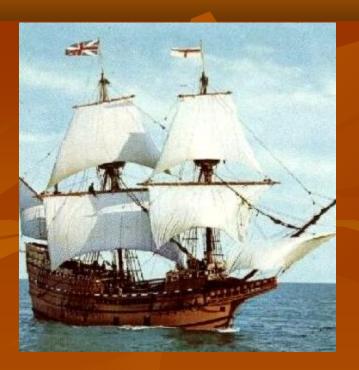
The First Thanksgiving Feast

- In the fall, the Pilgrims harvested their crops.
- They were very grateful to the Native Americans for teaching them how to survive off the land.
- The Pilgrims and the Native Americans had a feast to give thanks for their food and their friendship.

Settler and Native American relations

- Unfortunately, the positive relationship between Settlers and Native Americans did not last very long
- For modern Wampanoag people,
 Thanksgiving is a reminder of betrayal and bloodshed

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Thanksgiving Today

- Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November.
- Family and friends gather together to give thanks.
- They share food, laughter and love.



Turkey

 The typical food on Thanksgiving is a roasted turkey with many side dishes

Sides include:

Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Green bean casserole
Macaroni and cheese
Roasted corn
Apple pies
Pecan pies
Pumpkin pies

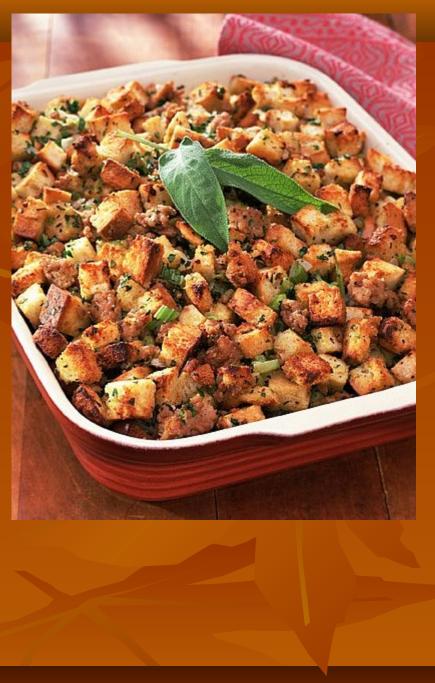


Fall Harvest









Football

- It is very traditional to watch American football on Thanksgiving
- Some people go to see live games, but others watch at home on TV
- Some neighborhoods and groups organize touch or flag football games to be outside and enjoy the beautiful fall weather!



Here are a couple of Thanksgiving Day football fans!

Macy's Parade

- The Macy's Day Parade is a tradition in New York City, but it is watched on TV throughout the country.
- Many people watch the parade as part of their Thanksgiving tradition.
- There are huge floats depicting everything from traditional thanksgiving scenes to characters from pop culture.



Black Friday Shopping

- There is traditionally a huge sale the day after Thanksgiving
- They offer great deals, but there are huge crowds.

It can be chaos, especially for the workers!



The pilgrims were thankful for the help from the Indians. So
Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful!
Most families go around the table and say something they are thankful for before eating.

What are you thankful for?

Vocabulary Words

Pilgrims

Indians

Turkey

Harvest

Stuffing

Corn

Apple

Pumpkin

Parade

Floats