

# **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

Corn

Indians

Apple

Turkey

Pumpkin

Harvest

Parade

Stuffing

Floats