



THANKSGIVING ACTIVITIES





Thanksgiving History

Thanksgiving is a major holiday celebrated in the United States each November. It all began in 1621 when the Pilgrims, a group of English settlers, arrived in North America on a ship called the Mayflower. The Pilgrims faced a very hard winter, with many people suffering from cold and hunger. In the spring, they met the Wampanoag, a Native American tribe. The Wampanoag showed them how to grow crops like corn, beans, and squash, which helped them survive.

By autumn, the Pilgrims had their first successful harvest. To celebrate this good fortune and show thanks, they invited the Wampanoag to a three-day feast. This event is remembered as the “First Thanksgiving.” Together, they ate foods such as wild turkey, corn, vegetables.

Today, Thanksgiving is a national holiday and a time for family and friends to gather. Many people celebrate by preparing large meals that often include roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Before eating, it's common to



share what each person is thankful for. Thanksgiving is not only about food but also about gratitude and spending time with loved ones, remembering the help the Pilgrims received from the Native Americans.

After carefully reading the text, answer the questions below:

- 1 Who were the Pilgrims, and where did they come from?
- 2 Why was the first winter difficult for the Pilgrims?
- 3 What crops did the Wampanoag teach the Pilgrims to grow?
- 4 Besides food, what are two other important parts of Thanksgiving today?
- 5 Do you think it is important to take some time to think about what we are grateful for? Why/why not?

Today I am grateful for...

Something I am proud of is...

A thing I am looking forward to is...



Thanksgiving Answers

1 Who were the Pilgrims, and where did they come from?

The Pilgrims were English settlers who came from England.

2 Why was the first winter difficult for the Pilgrims?

The first winter was difficult because many Pilgrims suffered from cold and hunger.

3 What crops did the Wampanoag teach the Pilgrims to grow?

The Wampanoag taught the Pilgrims to grow corn, beans, and squash.

4 Besides food, what are two other important parts of Thanksgiving today?

Gratitude and spending time with loved ones are important parts of Thanksgiving today.





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