

WEBQUEST
THANKSGIVING



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Here is a list of new words you will need to understand videos and texts

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
HARVEST	
CORN	
PILGRIMS	
SETTLERS	
PUMPKIN	
CRANBERRY	
NEW WORLD	
TURKEY	

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated in America and Canada. How much do you already know about it?

1. When is Thanksgiving?
2. Why do you think people celebrate Thanksgiving?
3. What foods are associated with Thanksgiving?



Presentation: Thanksgiving

Video from History Channel: Bet you didn't know



Now it's up to you. Find out information about this festival.

Group 1 → Activity 1: The history of Thanksgiving

Watch the video you find on the site: the first Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving story for kids and answer the following questions:

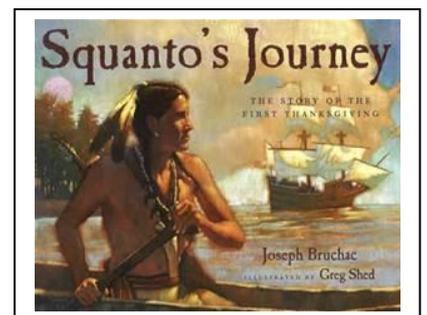
1. How did the pilgrims travel to the New World?
2. What did they find in the new land?
3. What is the name of their new hometown?
4. What was the weather like in January?
5. What did the settlers build?
6. 1621: who came to the village?
7. What did Squanto teach the settlers?
8. How did they celebrate their first good harvest?



Group 2 → Activity 2: The History of Thanksgiving

Visit www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving and read the first section entitled 'Thanksgiving at Plymouth.' Look for the answers to the questions below.

1. Who travelled on board the Mayflower and why?
2. What problems did the Pilgrims have at the beginning in New England?
3. Why was Squanto, a Native American, able to speak English with the Pilgrims?
4. What did the Pilgrims learn from Squanto?
5. Why did William Bradford organize a celebration?
6. What kind of food was eaten at the first Thanksgiving meal?



Group 3 / 4 → Activity 3: Thanksgiving in other cultures

Read your section and make notes using information from the website.

Group 3

Go to: www.holidays.net/thanksgiving/story.htm and read the sections on the Ancient Greeks and the Romans. Make notes on how they celebrated harvest time. Consider the following questions.

Which god did they honour?

What was the name of their festival?

How did they celebrate it?

Group 4

Go to: www.holidays.net/thanksgiving/story.htm and read the sections on the Ancient Chinese and the Hebrews. Make notes on how they celebrate(d) harvest time. Consider the following questions. Which god did they honour?

What was the name of their festival?

How did they celebrate it?

Activity 5: Round-up

Discuss the following questions as a whole class:

1. How much did you already know about the tradition of Thanksgiving?
2. What information surprised you?
3. What are the most important festivals and celebrations in your country or culture?

