

*Happy*  
*Thanksgiving*  
*Day*

**History of Thanksgiving**



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# Objectives

- To explain what Thanksgiving is.
- To demonstrate understanding of Thanksgiving and its history by taking a short quiz.
- To compare and contrast the First Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving today.



# What is Thanksgiving?



- Thanksgiving is a special holiday where families and friends get together to celebrate the things they are thankful for in their lives.



- It is a federal holiday, so schools, banks, post offices, and government offices are closed.
- It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November.





# The Pilgrims Come to America

- To be able to understand the story of Thanksgiving and why people in USA celebrate it, you need to know who were the Pilgrims and how and why they came to North America.



# Who were the Pilgrims?



- The King of England established that everyone had to go to the church he liked the most.
- Some people didn't want to go to the King's church because they had their own preferences. They believed that it was unfair that the King was telling them what to do, so they decided to get away from England and go to another country.





# Way to America



- People that were against the King's law decided to go to another country to start a new life where they could have religious freedom. They travelled on a big ship called the Mayflower with food, rifles, and tools to build. These people were called the Pilgrims. And they arrived in North America in 1621.



# History of Thanksgiving



- The first Thanksgiving was in 1621 when the Pilgrims invited the Native Americans to a three-day feast to celebrate the autumn harvest.

- The Pilgrims and the Wampanoag also used this holiday to thank God for what they had in their lives.







# story goes on...

- I invite you to watch, listen and take notes about the story of the journey on the Mayflower and the first Thanksgiving:
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yh\\_0t4EcsjE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yh_0t4EcsjE)







# Thanksgiving Nowadays



- On Thanksgiving, families get together and celebrate what they are thankful for. Then they usually eat a big meal.

- The most popular thing to eat on Thanksgiving is turkey.





Cranberry Sauce



Stuffing



Mashed  
Potatoes and  
Gravy



Pumpkin Pie

# Time to eat!

- Click on the words to see some of the popular foods that people eat on Thanksgiving dinner.





# The First Thanksgiving Feast

The Pilgrims and Native Americans did not eat turkey for their first Thanksgiving dinner. Pilgrims hunted ducks for dinner and the Wampanoag hunted deer to eat. Everyone also ate seafood, cabbage, onions, corn, fruits, nuts, and squash.



Deer



Duck



Squash



Seafood



Fruits and Nuts



Click on the words to see each kind of food the Pilgrims and Wampanoag ate.

# Quiz

- Let's see how much do you know now about Thanksgiving.



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# Question number 1



- During the year 1620, Pilgrims sailed on a boat called the \_\_\_\_\_. They took this boat to the new world.

The Titanic

The Mayflower

The Santa Maria



# Question number 2



- When is Thanksgiving celebrated?

The fourth Thursday  
in November

Yes!!

The first Tuesday in  
November

No!!

The last Tuesday in  
November

No!!





# Question number 3

- What do we celebrate on Thanksgiving?

America's Birthday

No!!

People in our military

No!!

What we are thankful  
for

Yes!!



# Question number 4



- Why did the Pilgrims come to North America?

For religious freedom

Yes!!

To get rich

No!!

To see their families

No!!





# Question number 5

- What year was the first Thanksgiving celebrated?

2012

No!!

1621

Yes!!

1812

No!!



# Question number 6

- What was being celebrated on the first Thanksgiving between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag?

A birthday

A new year

The autumn harvest



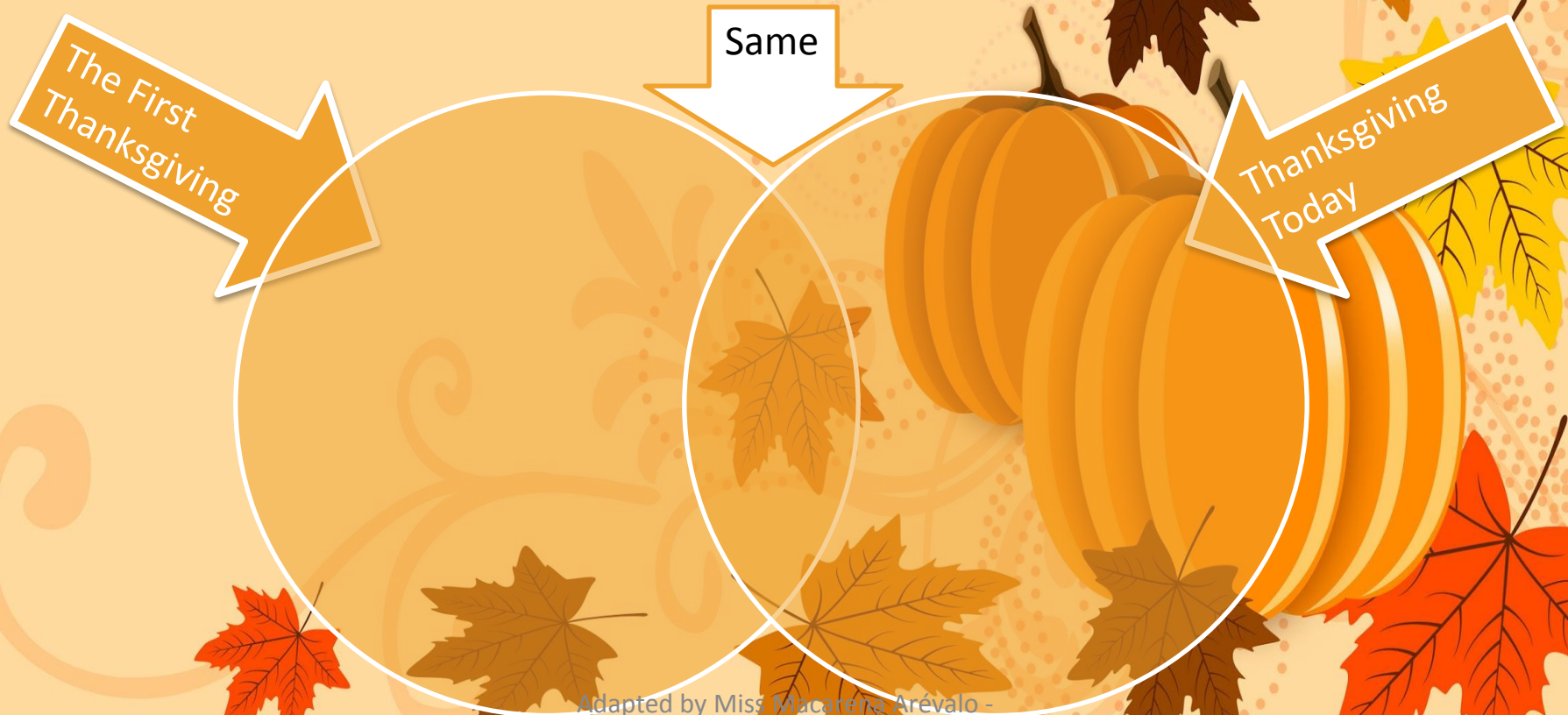




# Venn-Diagram Activity



Compare and contrast the first Thanksgiving with Thanksgiving today. Draw a Venn-Diagram on a separate sheet of paper to hand in to your teacher.



# Happy Thanksgiving



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