## 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.


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## What is

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- 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.
- 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.


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- 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.


## 园 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.

- 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 Ot4E csjE



## 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.


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.


Duck


Squash

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

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



## Question number 1

- During the year 1620 , Pilgrims sailed on a boat called the $\qquad$ . 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

The first Tuesday in November

The last Tuesday in November

Yes!!

No!!

No!!


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## Question number 3

- What do we celebrate on Thanksgiving?

| America's Birthday |
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| People in our military |
| What we are thankful |
| for |

No!!

No!!

Yes!!


## Question number 4

- Why did the Pilgrims come to North America?
For religious freedom


## To get rich

To see their families

No!!

No!!
Yes!!


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## 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 Activitv 

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.



