

Thanksgiving Day



History of Thanksgiving Day

The history of the holiday began with the fact that a ship arrived to Massachusetts from England, where a group of people fleeing religious persecution. They traveled to America only on November 10th. It was too late to sow anything at this time. Thus, the first winter spent here was too hard and hungry. Because of this, fifty people were killed. To help the rest hurried the local Indians.

With the advent of spring, they began to cultivate the land, sow corn and bread. In the summer it was absolutely clear that soon a very rich harvest awaits everyone.



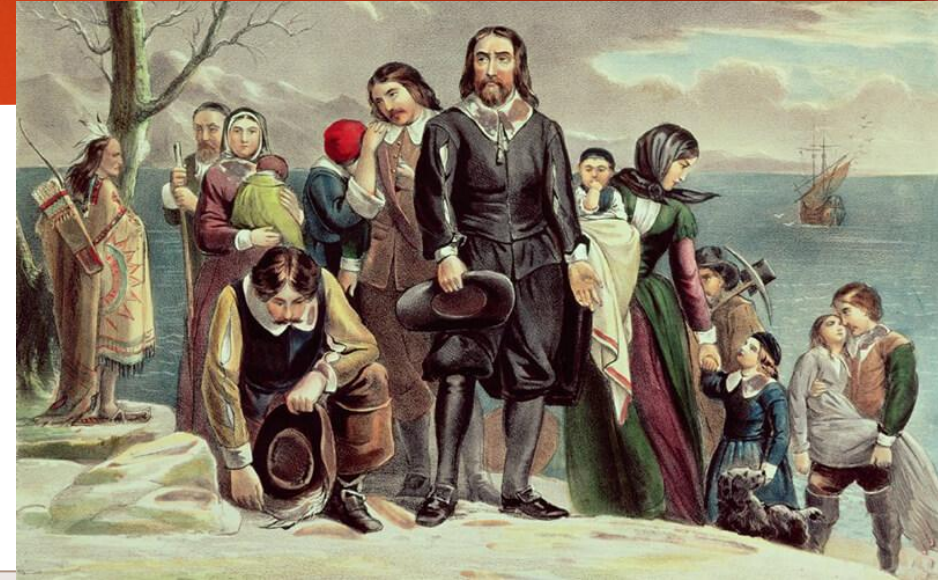
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The history of the holiday says that the celebration lasted three days. The British noted it with the Indians. On the tables they had a real feast - and turkey, and fish, and fruits, and corn. Rejoicing and enjoying the abundance of food, they thanked God for the gorgeous harvest.



Official holiday was declared by George Washington in 1789. This event is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

History of Thanksgiving Day Canada



holiday is connected with the English pirate explorer Martin Frobisher, who, trying to find the northern sea passage to India and China, was in ice captivity off the coast of North America. Severe conditions destroyed the ships and part of the team. The rest, in order to survive, had to land on the coast of today's Labrador, where in 1578 Frobisher held an official ceremony of thanksgiving for the happily endured long and dangerous journey.

In Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated a little earlier - on the second Monday of October.

Thanksgiving day in other countries.

in Vietnam and parts of China.

The name of the festival: Tet Trung Thu. ("Mid-autumn festival".) According to the Gregorian calendar, is celebrated in late September and early October.

The festival is traditionally timed to the harvest, and thank to the dragon's den, which contributed to the rich harvest, by sending rain upon the earth.



Thanksgiving day in other countries.

In Barbados, such a celebration takes place in the summer, in June. The harvest festival is held in this country for two months. Traditionally, the festival "Crop Over" was timed to the completion of the harvest of sugar cane. Today it's just a kind of thanksgiving day - Barbadians thank Mother Nature for life.

In Belarus celebrate the holiday "Dozhinki." Today, the inhabitants of Belarusian cities, where "Dozhinki" are held, happily gather in the parades and thank for the harvest, a happy childhood and a clear sky above their heads.



Traditions of the holiday in America and England



- ▶ Firstly, on this day all the relatives gather at the festive table. Owners of the house must serve fried stuffed turkey with cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.
- ▶ Secondly, on this day festive services are held in churches. Thirdly, people thank God not only for a generous harvest, but also for well-being and peace, for family happiness.
- ▶ There are also traditional decorations for this holiday

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Today, on Thanksgiving Day in the United States, various charity events and actions are also held. Almost at each metro station, for example, you can see tables on which money, food, things for homeless people are put.



The attitude of Americans and British to Thanksgiving.

Americans

The inhabitants of the states yearly look forward to this day. All of them honor the memory of those Indians who once responded to the requests of newly arrived neighbors and helped them to establish a way of life and start farming.

They are very pleased to participate in folk festivals, enchanting parades, carnivals. Theatrical and circus performances, dedicated to the first settlers, also delight Americans with their brilliance and beauty. Well, and more recently in the US there was another tradition of Thanksgiving. Americans spend the final matches in football on this holiday.

British

The British are in the majority say that they are celebrating harvest day. They are getting ready for the holiday beforehand, the day of thanksgiving are organized fairs, festivals, conduct other festivities. By the way, on such holidays farm you can buy organic products. The British hold different contests among farmers and fun days. This holiday unites all the inhabitants of provincial towns, all of thanks for rich harvest, health and well-being.

An example from life. Thanksgiving in the family of the 44th US President Barack Obama.

The president's daughters and wife-Michel prepare for the celebration in advance. Buy food, gifts for their loved ones. In the morning they begin to prepare for a festive dinner.



Barack Obama attends solemn events on the occasion of Thanksgiving in the morning.

Traditionally, since 1947, the US president has been given the opportunity to pardon a turkey.

In 2016, thanks to Barack Obama, both turkeys survived, they were sent to Blacksburg, Virginia, where they would live under the supervision of veterinarians and students of the local Polytechnic University.

In the evening everyone gathers at home, supper and they say each other words of gratitude for everything they have.



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