

Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Day is a traditional North American holiday celebrated at the conclusion of the harvest season...



...on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and on the second Monday of October in Canada.



HISTORY



In 1620 the first colonists, pilgrims, from New England came to America and began a new life there. It was a very hard life. Many people were sick and died during the first winter in the cold. Indians taught them to cultivate corns and to grow different vegetables and fruits.





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In the autumn of 1621 the colonists had their first harvest. It was rather good.

The colonists decided to have a special dinner. They wanted to thank God – to give him their thanks for many things. It was a difficult year, but people still had food to eat. The colonists had a thanksgiving dinner (feast) for all the people. It lasted 3 days. Since that time people have been celebrating Thanksgiving Day.





Thanksgiving began as a religious observance to thank God.





Before the meal, many people say grace, which is a short prayer to thank God.



On this day, families and friends have a reunion,...



...and enjoy a festive meal.



Thanksgiving meals are traditional events...



...and certain kinds of food are served.



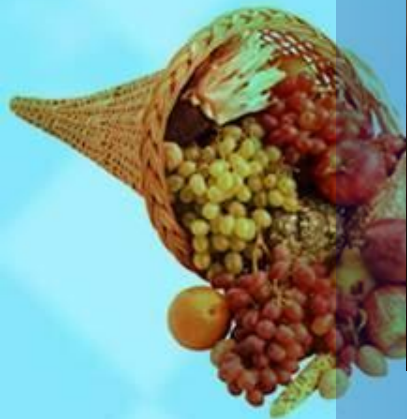
Turkey is served in most Thanksgiving feasts.



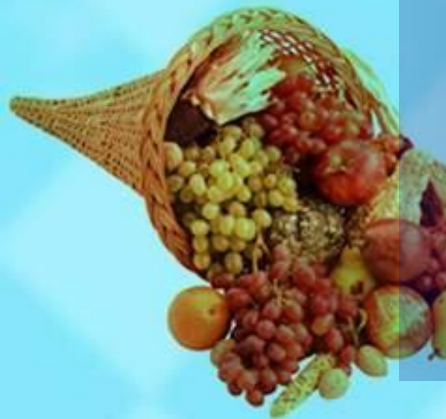
Mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn, turnips, and pumpkin pie are commonly associated with Thanksgiving dinner.



People talk about what they are thankful for...



...or tell about experiences during the past year which have caused them to feel grateful.



The grace may be led by the host or hostess, but sometimes each person present contributes some words of thanks.



Symbols of Thanksgiving Day

Turkey



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Corn



Cranberry



Symbols of Thanksgiving Day

Cornucopia



Pumpkin



Turkey



Cranberry



Corn



Cornucopia



Pumpkin



ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. When do Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day?
2. Who began their new life in America?
3. Where were they from?
4. What was the name of the ship they sailed?
5. When did they come to America?
6. Was their new life easy?
7. Who helped them ?
8. What do people do on Thanksgiving Day today?
9. What do people eat on Thanksgiving Day?
10. What are the symbols of Thanksgiving Day?



Thank You

Happy Thanksgiving Day!

