

Thanksgiving History

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Americans of all religions celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth _____ of _____. Children do not go to school and most businesses close for _____. Thanksgiving is a special day for _____ and people travel great distances to be with their families for this occasion.

The tradition started with the _____ fathers. They were against the Church of England. They wanted to start a new life in a new country.

Eventually, on the _____ of 1620, _____ men, women and children left England on a ship called _____. The voyage was difficult - 2 Pilgrims died, but 2 were born.

On the _____ of 1620, they landed on the North East Coast of North America. It was almost _____, and there wasn't much _____. They immediately built small houses, but it was too late to grow crops. The winter was very _____, and half of the Pilgrims died.

In the spring, a _____ called Squanto helped the Pilgrims. He taught them how to grow corn, and how to _____. Soon, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans became friends. The Pilgrims grew crops, and the summer harvest was excellent.

By _____, everyone had food and a home. There was hope for the future. William Bradford decided to celebrate with a _____ with the Pilgrims and about _____ Native Americans. He wanted to thank _____. This was the first Thanksgiving dinner, and it continued for _____.

Today the traditional Thanksgiving meal is similar to the first. People eat _____ with cranberry sauce, potatoes, corn and _____. Many _____ organizations prepare a free meal for the _____ in their town or city.

New York City celebrates with _____. Macy's Department Store organized its first parade in _____. This parade is very famous and more than _____ people go to see it every year.