

## 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.