

THANKSGIVING

1. Write the word from the box under the correct picture

- * turkey * Pilgrims * cranberry * family meal
- * pumpkin pie * Native Americans * horn of plenty



Happy
Thanksgiving!



On the fourth Thursday in November, in houses around the United States, families get together for a feast or a large meal. Almost all families eat turkey and cranberry sauce for this meal, and have pumpkin pie for dessert. This feast is part of a very special day, the holiday of Thanksgiving.

In 1620 the Pilgrims made a difficult trip across the ocean from England. They landed in what is now Massachusetts. In England the Pilgrims had not been allowed to freely practice their religion. So they went to the New World in search of religious freedom.

The Pilgrims first winter was very hard. Almost half of the group died of cold, hunger and disease. But the Native Americans of Massachusetts taught the Pilgrims to plant corn, to hunt and to fish. When the next fall came, the Pilgrims had plenty of food. They were thankful and had a feast to give thanks. They invited the Native Americans to join them. This was the first Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving became a national holiday many years later because of a woman named Sarah Hale. For forty years Sarah Hale wrote to each president and asked for a holiday of Thanksgiving. At last she was successful. In 1863 President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a holiday.

2. Match the expression (1 - 5) with the correct definition (a - e)

- 1. last part of a meal
- 2. kill animals for food
- 3. people who write history
- 4. have more than you need
- 5. people who travel from one place to another for religious reasons



- A. HUNT
- B. PILGRIMS
- C. HISTORIANS
- D. PLENTY
- E. DESSERT



3. Answer the questions:

1. When is Thanksgiving celebrated ?

2. Who were the Pilgrims ?

3. Why did the Pilgrims have a feast ?