

# The First Thanksgiving

- The U.S. celebrates Thanksgiving every fourth Thursday of November. This tradition nearly four hundred years ago in 1621. The Pilgrims and the Native Americans together for a feast to give thanks.

The Pilgrims traveled from England and land. They it the **New World**. They on Cape Cod, Massachusetts but settled in Plymouth. The Pilgrims in search to freely live and practice their religion. They ready and excited to begin their new life, but soon out that the winters in this **New World** more severe than winters in England and their food and supplies very limited.

Most of the Pilgrims were ill, and many died that winter. The following spring, the native people of this **New World** taught them new and better ways to grow vegetables, so they would not run out of food again.

Today, we commemorate these events with the holiday of Thanksgiving. We by gathering with our families and friends to give thanks for the many in our lives. Some people celebrate by others that may be less fortunate. In whatever form we may celebrate, it is good to thanks and for all we have and for those people that help us in our lives.