

"Native American Girls Describe the REAL History Behind Thanksgiving" | Teen Vogue

👁️ **WATCH** the video, then do the activities

1. ☒ **CHECK** the **correct answers** to introduce this document.

This document is a short film made by the magazine *Teen Vogue*.

It features (= shows) six old Native American women, who are standing behind a table.

In the foreground, there is a table which is covered with typical Christmas food.

The purpose (= objective) of the video is to inform the viewer about the true story behind the myth of Thanksgiving.

The video also denounces the lies (= *les mensonges*) that people learn in school in the US.

Finally, the short film celebrates African American traditions and culture.

2. On the table, there are many food products.

→ ☒ **CHECK** the **two** items that are **part of the traditional Thanksgiving meal**:

a turkey

lemons

pumpkins

bread

cherries

3. According to (= *selon*) these teenagers, what is the truth behind Thanksgiving?

→ 💡 **LISTEN** and ... 🗒️ **COMPLETE** the sentences:

"After every _____ of a whole _____,
these European _____ celebrated it and they _____ it Thanksgiving."

"But it wasn't until Abraham Lincoln became _____ that it became an official _____."

He ordered 38 Dakota men to be hung (= *pendus*) for war _____."

4. What do these teenagers do on Thanksgiving?

→  LISTEN and ...  COMPLETE the sentences:

"We take this time to _____ our elders (= *aînés*),
who _____ their lives due to what really _____."

"Usually my mom makes a _____ dish for us and we _____."

5. How do they feel about the fact that people don't know the truth (= *la vérité*) about Thanksgiving?

→  LISTEN and USE THE WORDS FROM THE **TOOLBOX** to COMPLETE the sentence.

TOOLBOX

established – learn – want – annoyed – celebrating – tribes – mourning

The teenagers are _____, because people are not _____ the deaths of Native Americans.

They are angry that instead (*à la place*), people are _____ the disappearance (= *la disparition*) of many _____.

They _____ people to _____ how the holiday was _____ in the first place.

6. What are the teenagers **thankful for**?

→  LISTEN and ...  COMPLETE the sentences:

"I'm thankful for being born _____ to this _____."

"I'm thankful that I still have my _____."

"I'm thankful that my elders kept our culture _____ all these years."

"I'm thankful to be indigenous, resilient, and _____."

"I'm thankful for us _____ to be able to stand _____,
stand _____, and _____ as one."

7. In every list,  CHECK the **adjectives** that are **INCORRECT** to describe the teenagers' attitude.

A. The girls are *combative*, *rebellious* and *resigned*.

B. The girls are | *proud*, *ashamed* and *appreciative* | of their culture.

C. The girls are | *thankful*, *grateful* and *ungrateful* | to their elders.

- En français, on utilise la structure [POUR + AVOIR + participe passé] alors qu'en anglais, on utilise [FOR + V-ing].

Exemples :

I'm thankful **FOR** being born indigenous to this continent.

→ *Je suis reconnaissante d'être une native indigène de ce continent.*

The settlers were not punished **FOR** killing Native American villagers.

→ *Les colons n'ont pas été punis pour avoir tué des villageois amérindiens.*

- On peut aussi utiliser **BECAUSE** (OF + nom → *en raison de...*) ou **AS / SINCE** (= *puisque...*).

Exercice d'application : complète avec la bonne préposition

- 1) European settlers did not apologise _____ committing crimes against the natives.
- 2) On Thanksgiving, people are thankful _____ the food on their table.
- 3) The National Day of Mourning is celebrated by Native American activists _____ many of their ancestors died.
- 4) The anger of Native Americans is justified _____ their land were stolen and sold.
- 5) There are other native Thanksgiving ceremonies: for example, there are festivals where people thank nature _____ providing abundant food and _____ helping them survive the winter.
- 6) _____ so many of their ancestors died, they are only about 5 million Native Americans living in the US nowadays, compared to a probable population of minimum 10 million people before European colonists arrived.