

The American Thanksgiving story

Part I - The story we all know



→ Watch the video and answer the questions.



1 True or False ?

- a) The Pilgrims left England because they wanted religious freedom.
- b) The Pilgrims sailed directly from England to America.
- c) The journey on the Mayflower took 65 days.
- d) Everyone on the Mayflower arrived safely, with no deaths.
- e) Nearly half of the Pilgrims died during the first winter.

2 Fill in the gaps with a number, a date or a name.

- a) The Pilgrims lived in Holland for _____ years before leaving for America.
- b) They agreed to work _____ years in exchange for the journey's funding.
- c) _____ passengers set sail from Plymouth, England, in September 1620.
- d) The ship was called the _____.
- e) The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock on _____ (date).
- f) The settlement was finally completed in _____ (month/year).

3 Put the events in the correct chronological order.

Samoset walks into the colony and speaks broken English.

The Pilgrims sail to Holland seeking religious freedom.

The *Mayflower* leaves Plymouth, England.

Squanto teaches the Pilgrims how to plant corn.

The Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock.

Governor Bradford proclaims a day of thanksgiving.

Nearly half of the Pilgrims die during the first winter.

1- _____

2- _____

- 3- _____
- 4- _____
- 5- _____
- 6- _____
- 7- _____

4 Match the person to the fact.

Samoset	taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn and find medicine
Squanto	was from a tribe in Maine and knew a few English words
William Bradford	came to the celebration with 90 of his men
Massasoit	proclaimed the first day of thanksgiving

5 Select the correct answer.

- a) Why were the Pilgrims surprised by Samoset ?
- b) What made Squanto different from Samoset ?
- c) How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last ?
- d) What happened two years after the first Thanksgiving ?
- e) Which two presidents are mentioned for making Thanksgiving a national holiday ?

6 Expression.

- a) In your own words, explain in 2-3 sentences why Squanto was so important to the Pilgrims' survival.

- b) Name three things that Americans do today to celebrate Thanksgiving.