

History of Thanksgiving

The first Thanksgiving was in 1621. The Pilgrims were new to America and did not know how to grow food or hunt animals. Many of them died. The Native Americans helped the Pilgrims. The Native Americans taught them how to grow corn and pumpkins and beans. They also taught the Pilgrims how to fish and hunt.

The next year, the Pilgrims had a big harvest. The Pilgrims were very thankful and grateful. The Pilgrims had a huge feast to celebrate the new harvest and to give thanks to the Indians. The feast lasted for three days. This is how Thanksgiving started.

Thanksgiving Day is a harvest celebration. Traditionally, it was a time to give thanks for a big harvest. It is also a holiday to express appreciation to family and friends. This is why it is celebrated with a big family feast.

Now, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Thanksgiving is a time when families come together and eat a lot of food. They eat big turkeys and cranberries and pumpkin pie. It is a day of gratitude and appreciation. Everybody talks about what they are thankful for. Many are thankful for family, friends and good food and the good things in their lives. What are you thankful for?

THANKSGIVING QUIZ



1. When was the first Thanksgiving celebrated?
2. How did the Native Americans help the Pilgrims?
3. The Pilgrims were grateful for a big _____.
4. How many days was the first Thanksgiving?
5. How do people celebrate Thanksgiving now?
6. When is Thanksgiving celebrated?
7. What is a “feast?”
8. What is common Thanksgiving food?
9. What are you thankful for?

