Version B – Detailed



Thanksgiving Day

In **1621,** the **Pilgrims** in Plymouth, Massachusetts, celebrated a harvest feast after their first successful year in the New World. They invited the **Wampanoag people**, who had helped them grow crops and survive the harsh winter. This feast is remembered as the "First Thanksgiving."

For many years, different colonies and states held their own Thanksgiving celebrations. In **1863**, during the Civil War, **President Abraham Lincoln** declared Thanksgiving a national holiday to be celebrated each year in November.

Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the **fourth Thursday in November.** Families and friends gather to share a large meal, usually with **turkey, stuffing, corn, potatoes, and pumpkin pie.** Many people also watch parades or football games.

Thanksgiving is more than food. It is a time to show **gratitude** for what we have and to help others in need. Some families volunteer at shelters or donate food to the hungry. It is both a **historical holiday** and a day to remember the importance of kindness and community.

1. Who celebrated the "First Thanksgiving" in 1621?

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2. When did President Abraham Lincoln declare Thanksgiving a national holiday?

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3. On what day do Americans celebrate Thanksgiving today?

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4. What foods are commonly served at Thanksgiving meals?

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5. Besides eating, what are other ways people celebrate Thanksgiving?

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