

## The Pilgrims


$\square$ Early in the 17th century, a group of people called the Pilgrims didn't agree with the church of England.
$\square$ As they were persecuted they sailed to the Netherlands (Holland) for religious freedom. But after a few years living in poverty, they persuaded the London exchange stock company to finance their trip to the New World.

## The Mayflower


$\square$ They left England on September 1620 on the Mayflower ship. Their trip lasted for 65 days. The conditions were harsh and 1 person died.

## Plymouth Rock


$\square$ They finally made it and arrived at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts.
$\square$ They built their houses and barns while still living on the Mayflower.

## Great sorrow


— Many pilgrims died from the bad weather conditions that winter.
46 out of 102 Pilgrims died.

## Samoset and Squanto


$\square$ An Indian called Samoset walked into the colony to give them help. He knew some English words from a harbor in Maine where fishermen would come.
$\square$ Squanto had been to England and had learnt a lot of English words.
$\square$ Together they established a peace treaty and trading relations.

## Survival


$\square$ Squanto and Samoset helped them survive by teaching them to grow corn and other crops, and to fish.

## Bountiful Harvest 1621


$\square$ The harvest was bountiful so it was time to give thanks.

## Celebration


$\square$ The Pilgrim governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving to God for helping them survive the brutal winter.
$\square$ Their invited their neighbor Indians to join them in the celebration.
$\square$ Massasoit, the Indians chief and 90 Indians were there.
$\square$ The celebration lasted for 3 days.

## Drought


$\square 2$ years later, the colony suffered a drought so the governor ordered a day of fasting and prayers.
$\square$ And soon afterwards it began to rain.

## The first Thanksgiving Day


$\square$ To celebrate God's answer to prayer, November 29th was proclaimed a day of thanksgiving.
$\square$ This day was the first Thanksgiving Day.

## National Day


$\square$ The custom of an annual Thanksgiving celebration continued and became a national observance under presidents George Washington in 1789 and Abraham Lincoln in 1863.
$\square$ They decided on a Thanksgiving day on the fourth Thursday of November.

## Thanksgiving weekend



- It has become one of the busiest travel period of the year as it is a 4 to 5 day vacation for many schools and some businesses.

$\square$ The tradition on Thanksgiving is to watch professional football games, TV programs and the Macy's thanksgiving parade held in New York City.


## Nowadays


$\square$ Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends, and enjoy a large meal together.
$\square$ Many give thanks to God, but you be thankful even if not religious.

## Thanksgiving dinner


$\square$ Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberries sauce, sweet corn and pumpkin pie.

## Be thankful

## TODAY I AM thankful



- People share what they are thankful for from that year.


## What are YOU Thankful For?




