

# Thanksgiving A time to be thankful

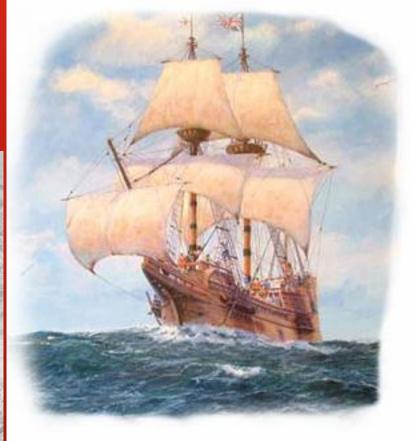
## The Pilgrims



- Early in the 17th century, a group of people called the Pilgrims didn't agree with the church of England.
- 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

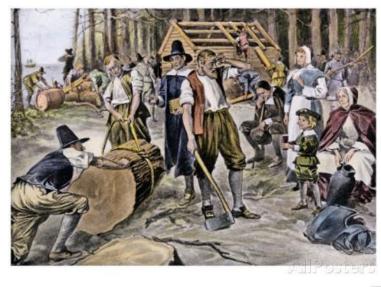




☐ They left England on September 1620 on the Mayflower ship. Their trip lasted for 65 days. The conditions were harsh and 1 person died.

# Plymouth Rock





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

#### **Great sorrow**

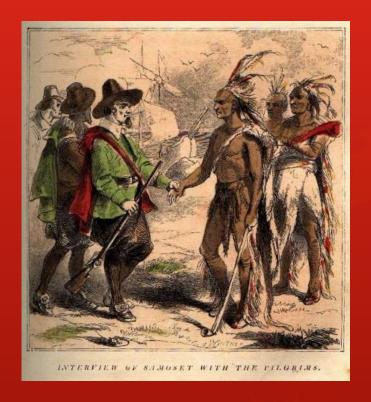




- Many pilgrims died from the bad weather conditions that winter.
  - 46 out of 102 Pilgrims died.

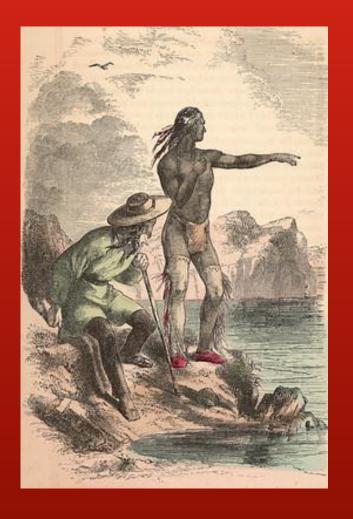
# Samoset and Squanto





- 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.
- Squanto had been to England and had learnt a lot of English words.
- Together they established a peace treaty and trading relations.

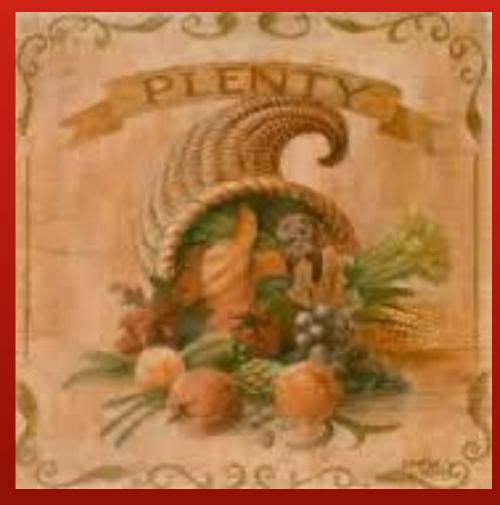
### Survival





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

## Bountiful Harvest 1621



The harvest was bountiful so it was time to give thanks.

#### Celebration



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

# Drought



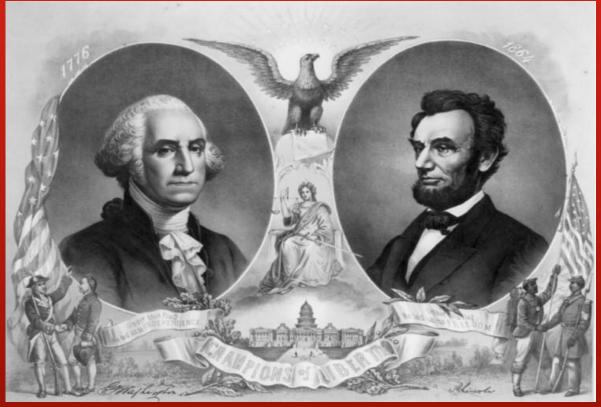
- 2 years later, the colony suffered a drought so the governor ordered a day of fasting and prayers.
- And soon afterwards it began to rain.

The first Thanksgiving Day



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

# National Day



- ☐ The custom of an annual Thanksgiving celebration continued and became a national observance under presidents George Washington in 1789 and Abraham Lincoln in 1863.
- 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.



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

# Nowadays



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

# Thanksgiving dinner



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

#### Be thankful





People share what they are thankful for from that year.





