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Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a holiday celebrated each year in the United States. What do you know about the history of this holiday? Use this webquest to learn more about Thanksgiving's history and how the holiday is celebrated. While Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in both the United States and Canada (on a different date), this webquest will focus on Thanksgiving in the United States.

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Find It!

Find the answers to the questions below by using the "search" tool to search key words. Since this activity is about Thanksgiving Day, you can start by searching the key words "Thanksgiving Day." Since we are focusing on Thanksgiving in the United States, please use the "Thanksgiving Day (United States)" article.

Write the answers below each question.

1. When is Thanksgiving Day celebrated in the United States?
2. What do people give thanks for on Thanksgiving Day?
3. Who is the woman who worked hard to make Thanksgiving Day a national holiday?
4. In 1863, which president made the last Thursday in November a national day of thanksgiving?
5. Congress made Thanksgiving Day a legal national holiday beginning in _____.
6. Name five things to eat that are usually included in a Thanksgiving dinner.

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The First Thanksgiving

Answer these questions about the first Thanksgiving.

7. In which year did the first Thanksgiving in New England happen?

8. Where did the first Thanksgiving happen?

9. How long did the first Thanksgiving festival last?

10. How long had the Plymouth *colonists*, or settlers, been in America when the first Thanksgiving festival was held?

11. About how many American Indians attended the festival and what did they bring?

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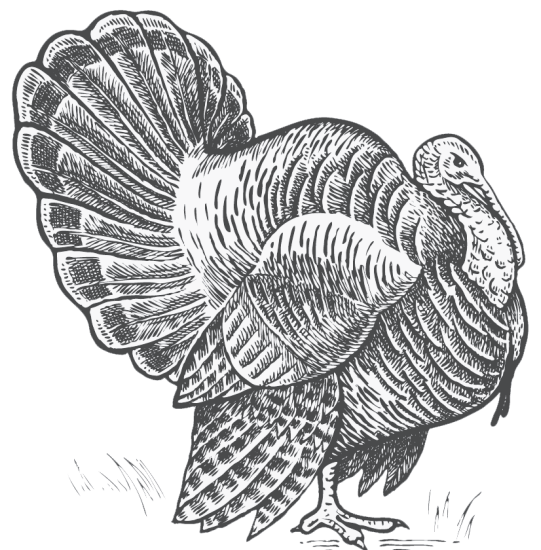
Talking Turkey

Turkey is a traditional part of Thanksgiving dinners in the United States. Use World Book's "Turkey" article to answer the questions below:

12. Where do wild turkeys live and where do they sleep?

13. What do wild turkeys eat?

14. What is the name of the long, loose piece of skin that hangs under the lower jaw along a turkey's neck?



What's the Word?

Questions 15-24. Find the words hidden within the puzzle from the list below. The words may be spelled out vertically (up and down), horizontally (across), or diagonally (slanted). Also, the words may be spelled in the right order, or they may be spelled backwards.

Harvest

Holiday

Indians

November

Pilgrims

Plymouth

Pumpkin pie

Sarah Hale

Thanksgiving

Turkey

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Teacher Page

Answers:

1. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November.
2. On Thanksgiving Day, people give thanks for what they have and for the good things that happened during the year.
3. Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, worked to advance the idea of a national Thanksgiving Day.
4. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving.
5. Congress established Thanksgiving Day as a legal national holiday beginning in 1941.
6. Five food items that are traditionally included in a Thanksgiving dinner are roast turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie.
7. The first Thanksgiving in New England took place in 1621.
8. The first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
9. The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days.
10. The Plymouth colonists had been in America for less than a year when the first Thanksgiving festival was held.
11. About 90 American Indians attended the festival and they brought five deer.
12. Wild turkeys live in forests and they sleep in trees.
13. Wild turkeys eat insects, nuts, seeds, and such small fruits as berries.
14. The long, loose piece of skin that hangs under the lower jaw along a turkey's neck is called a wattle.

15-24. Word Search Solution:

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