

THANKSGIVING 1621

The Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe celebrated a harvest feast on the first Thanksgiving in 1621. The Pilgrims were so thankful for their harvest that year and to the Wampanoag for teaching them how to grow crops and fish.

Their Thanksgiving celebration was a big three-day party. It was held outside because the Pilgrims did not have a building large enough for 140 people to eat in. They ate many different kinds of foods at their Thanksgiving party. Some of the things they ate were deer, turkey, fish, squash, corn, and other vegetables. The Pilgrims and Wampanoag played games, read stories, went to church, and ate for three days.

The modern Thanksgiving celebration in the United States is in memory of that day. It is usually only for one day, instead of three! On Thanksgiving, we usually spend time with our families and friends. It is a time when people are thankful for the many blessings we have.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT *THANKSGIVING, 1621*

1. How many people were at the 1621 Thanksgiving? _____

2. How long did the 1621 Thanksgiving last? _____

3. What foods did they eat at the Thanksgiving in 1621?

4. What did the Wampanoags teach the Pilgrims to do?

5. What kinds of things did the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags do at their Thanksgiving?
