

# The Daily Flame

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**"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16)**

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## Why did the pilgrims celebrate the first Thanksgiving?

By: Gabby Davis



According to Socialistic.com, the English colonists that we call Pilgrims, celebrated days of thanksgiving as part of their religion. These were days of prayer, not days of feasting. Our national holiday really stems from the feast held in the autumn of 1621, by the pilgrims and the wampanoag to celebrate the colony's first successful harvest. Pilgrims gave thanks to God and celebrated his bounty in the harvest home tradition with feasting and sport (recreation). The continental congress proclaimed the first thanksgiving in 1777.

## What year did Thanksgiving become a national holiday?

By: Haley Turner

"On the last Thursday of November in the year of 1863, Thanksgiving officially became a national holiday". Abraham Lincoln was the one who declared Thanksgiving to be a national holiday. Every president since Lincoln has also declared Thanksgiving a national holiday. In 1941 Congress set the national holiday of Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of every November. This reversed a decision by President Roosevelt to celebrate Thanksgiving on the third Thursday of November to give people more time to shop for Christmas. Today, we all look forward to Thanksgiving and the beginning of the holiday season. We celebrate with our friends, family, and prosperity and thank God for His many blessings. Many families have different takes and traditions for Thanksgiving, but the overall theme is a family meal and giving thanks for all of life's blessings. Fun Fact: most people think after the Pilgrims first Thanksgiving they continued

giving thanks in this fashion each and every year and the tradition spread and eventually became a national holiday but, it didn't happen that way. It was many years after the first Thanksgiving that Lincoln declared a national holiday and then many years after that when it became permanently celebrated on the fourth Thursday of each November. "Now you know how Thanksgiving became a national holiday." Happy Thanksgiving!

## El Futbol

By: Dani O'Day, Billy Jordan, John Shepard



The tradition of watching football has turned into a national tradition, but when did it start? In 1934, the first football broadcast began with the Detroit Lions versus the Chicago Bears, it is thought that this ignited the flame to start the Football Thanksgiving tradition. Now, every year it is

either the Lions or the Cowboys that host a Thanksgiving day game. This year there were three games: Vikings and the Colts, Chargers and Cowboys, and Giants and Redskins. “The NFL started the Thanksgiving Classic games in 1920 and since then the Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys have hosted games on Turkey Day. In 2006, a third game was added with different teams hosting.” Said Evan Andrews, a reporter for Fox Sports.

### **Why So Long To Become A Holiday**

**By: Joseph Mogollon and Logan Ronzio**



It’s almost Thanksgiving and Logan and I were wondering why exactly it took so long to make thanksgiving a national holiday. It became a national holiday in 1863, while Abraham Lincoln was in office. So, why that year is the first thanksgiving was in 1621 and why did he then declare it. He declared it as a national day to give thanks to God, and why no one really knows why it took so long it is a great holiday now. Logan and I would like to wish

you a happy Thanksgiving. God bless!

### **Truth or Tradition**

**By: Keegan Pierce and Charlie Ingold**

Thanksgiving was originally a day of prayer not feasting. It was a day to glorify God and what he has given you. Thanksgiving originated in 1621 after a successful harvest between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag. The tradition of Thanksgiving is way different than the Thanksgiving we know today. Just like everything else, things change over time. Thanksgiving is a time we can use as Christians to give thanks to God for all the blessings he's given us in our life.

### **Why Turkey?**

**By: Mrs. Ginnie Postlethwaite**



Does your family eat turkey on Thanksgiving? Most American families do serve turkey as the main meat at their Thanksgiving meal, however historians today do not believe that turkey was the main course served back in 1621 at the Plimoth Plantation. According to Suzette Walker of

Holidayappy.com, the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians probably feasted on several types of wild fowl which were most likely duck and goose, which were the preferred poultry served during mealtime during this time. So, where did the idea to serve turkey at Thanksgiving come from? The tradition was most likely started by Sarah Josepha Hale who was a magazine editor of a famous women’s magazine in the mid 1800’s. She was also the one who petitioned President Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. Part of her campaign was to print a Thanksgiving cookbook with recipes and menus. Any guesses what the main dish was in the recipes? You got it...turkey! No matter what the main dish is, Thanksgiving will always be about sharing a special dinner surrounded by those we love.