THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

The very first Thanksgiving was in 1621. The Native Americans showed the Pilgrims how to hunt and gather food. On that fall day, they gathered under the trees and ate deer meat, corn, and fruits. They then gave thanks for rain after a two-month drought. It rained for 14 days afterwards.

The first Thanksgiving was much different from the Thanksgiving we know today. The Thanksgiving we know today is always held on a Thursday towards the end of November. The date changes each year. We spend the day visiting with family and eating a lot of good food, like turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans and desserts.

When was the first Thanksgiving?

Why did they celebrate Thanksgiving?

What did they eat at the first Thanksgiving?



APPLE PIE

Did you know that you can make apple pie at home? First you will need to buy flour, sugar, butter, and apples. Now that you have all your ingredients, mix together the flour, sugar, and butter. That will make the tasty dough for the crust. You may place the crust into the pie plate. Next, you need to carefully slice up the apples. It does not matter what type of apple you choose — pick your personal favorite! Now you may add the apples into the plate. Next, comes the top of the pie. Be sure to make slits in the top of the pie to allow steam to escape. The pie is now ready to go into the oven. Cook on 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Stick a fork in the pie to make sure the center of the pie is done. After it cools, enjoy a slice of pie with a large scoop of vanilla ice cream.

What kind of ingredients do you need for apple pie?

What kind of apples make the best pie?

What temperature should you cook your pie on?



TRADITIONS

There are several different Thanksgiving traditions that families across the world celebrate. One of my favorite traditions is cooking all morning with my mom. We spend Thanksgiving morning prepping food and watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade on TV. The Macy's Thanksgiving parade is held in New York City, NY. Traditional Thanksgiving foods in my family include turkey, stuffing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, cornbread, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce. Many people serve pie for dessert at the end of the meal.

My family all meets at my grandmas for lunch or dinner time. Afterwards, we play football and spend time with one another outside. My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. I love seeing the pretty leaves and fall colors on my drive to my grandmothers. It allows me to take a step back from my life and be thankful for my busy life.

What kind of traditions do people celebrate on Thanksgiving?

What season is Thanksgiving in?

What kind of parade comes on TV? Where is it held?



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