



THANKSGIVING LEARNING PACK

READ, SOLVE PUZZLES, AND EXPLORE GRATITUDE AND AUTUMN.

GRADES 3-5

18 ACTIVITIES

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STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME

DATE

CLASS

THANKSGIVING: HISTORY, GRATITUDE & AUTUMN

Thanksgiving in the United States is a holiday for giving thanks. It is held on the fourth Thursday in November. Some families share a meal, help neighbors, or talk about what they appreciate. Gratitude means feeling thankful.

A well-known part of the holiday's history is a harvest gathering in 1621 at Plymouth, on land called Patuxet. The Wampanoag people already lived in this region. English colonists had arrived on the Mayflower in 1620. The Wampanoag leader Ousamequin, also known as Massasoit, and about 90 of his men joined the colonists for three days. An eyewitness wrote that Wampanoag hunters brought five deer and that the English provided wild birds.

Tisquantum, also known as Squanto, was a Wampanoag man from Patuxet. He spoke English, helped people communicate, and showed the colonists how to grow corn. Wampanoag communities had traditions of giving thanks long before the English arrived. They still have living cultures and communities today. For some Native people, Thanksgiving is also a day to remember the loss of land and lives after colonization.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln called for a national day of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November. Writer Sarah Josepha Hale had urged him to do this. In 1941, a law set the holiday on the fourth Thursday in November.

Autumn brings colorful leaves, too. Chlorophyll is the pigment that makes leaves green. As it breaks down, yellow and orange pigments become easier to see. Some leaves also make new red pigments in autumn. Not every tree changes color in the same way.

People have different traditions and different views of Thanksgiving. We can learn from history, listen respectfully, and find ways to show gratitude.

279 words

THANKSGIVING READING COMPREHENSION

Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What does gratitude mean?

2. Which two groups took part in the 1621 harvest gathering?

3. Name two ways Tisquantum helped the colonists.

4. When is Thanksgiving held in the United States today?

5. Why do yellow and orange colors become easier to see in autumn leaves?



COMPLETE THE THANKSGIVING STORY

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Use the word bank to complete the passage. Write each word in the correct blank.

Word Bank: gratitude fourth Wampanoag Lincoln Squanto

The _____ people lived in the region before the English colonists arrived. In 1621, the two groups shared a harvest gathering. Tisquantum, also called _____, helped the colonists grow corn. President Abraham _____ called for a national day of Thanksgiving in 1863. Today, the U.S. holiday is on the _____ Thursday in November. Feeling thankful is called _____.

THANKSGIVING MATH

Solve each problem. Show your work in the space provided.

1. A class packs 8 boxes with 6 apples in each box. How many apples do they pack?

Answer: _____

2. A family makes 36 rolls. Guests eat 19. How many rolls are left?

Answer: _____

3. There are 54 thank-you cards to share equally among 6 classrooms. How many cards does each classroom get?

Answer: _____

4. Challenge: A club buys 24 boxes of crayons at \$3 per box. What is the total cost?

Answer: _____

THANK-YOU CARD COUNT

Class	Cards on Monday	Cards on Tuesday
Oak	24	18
Maple	32	15
Pine	27	21

Use the table to answer these questions.

1. How many cards did Oak make in all?

2. Which class made the most cards over both days?

3. How many more cards did Maple make on Monday than on Tuesday?

4. How many cards did the three classes make altogether?



A THANK-YOU MESSAGE

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Write a thank-you message to someone who helped you. Say what they did and why it mattered to you.

MATCH THE THANKSGIVING WORDS

Match each item on the left with the correct item on the right. Write the matching letter in the blank.

1. _____ Massasoit
2. _____ Tisquantum
3. _____ Mayflower
4. _____ Sarah Josepha Hale
5. _____ Chlorophyll
6. _____ Gratitude
7. _____ Patuxet
8. _____ Harvest

- A. Green pigment in leaves
- B. Land where Plymouth was established
- C. Wampanoag leader at the 1621 gathering
- D. Gathering crops from the fields
- E. Ship that brought the English colonists
- F. Writer who urged Lincoln to call for Thanksgiving
- G. Feeling thankful
- H. Also called Squanto; helped people communicate

THANKSGIVING READING QUIZ

Use the reading to choose each answer.

1. Who took part in the 1621 gathering with the English colonists?

- ☐ Wampanoag people
- ☐ Vikings

- ☐ Roman soldiers
- ☐ Ancient Egyptians

2. What did Wampanoag hunters bring, according to the eyewitness?

- ☐ Five deer
- ☐ Pizza

- ☐ Chocolate cake
- ☐ Canned soup

3. Which crop did Tisquantum help the colonists grow?

- ☐ Rice
- ☐ Tea

- ☐ Corn
- ☐ Coffee

4. What does chlorophyll do to a leaf's color?

- ☐ Makes it green
- ☐ Makes it pink

- ☐ Makes it blue
- ☐ Makes it white

5. Which statement about autumn leaves matches the reading?

- ☐ All red pigments were always there
- ☐ Every tree turns red

- ☐ Some leaves make new red pigments
- ☐ Leaves never contain yellow pigments



WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all the hidden words in the grid.

R	Z	D	E	D	A	R	A	P	Q	E	T	R	S
H	A	R	V	E	S	T	M	J	T	E	N	I	C
E	G	B	Q	C	M	W	F	O	G	I	U	R	E
L	N	N	M	I	E	I	B	L	K	L	A	Q	H
B	I	J	Y	S	U	O	R	P	X	N	Q	T	J
B	F	Y	O	L	U	V	M	G	B	E	H	G	P
O	F	G	Y	L	U	U	C	E	L	Y	N	R	S
G	U	F	R	E	P	F	R	O	R	I	G	A	N
P	T	A	X	B	K	R	K	A	R	J	P	T	A
U	S	M	X	F	Y	R	D	N	Y	N	L	I	U
C	A	I	H	N	W	I	U	T	A	C	O	T	T
A	E	L	M	I	E	E	T	T	L	H	E	U	U
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S	R	C	R	W	Y	Q	M	I	O	A	Q	E	N

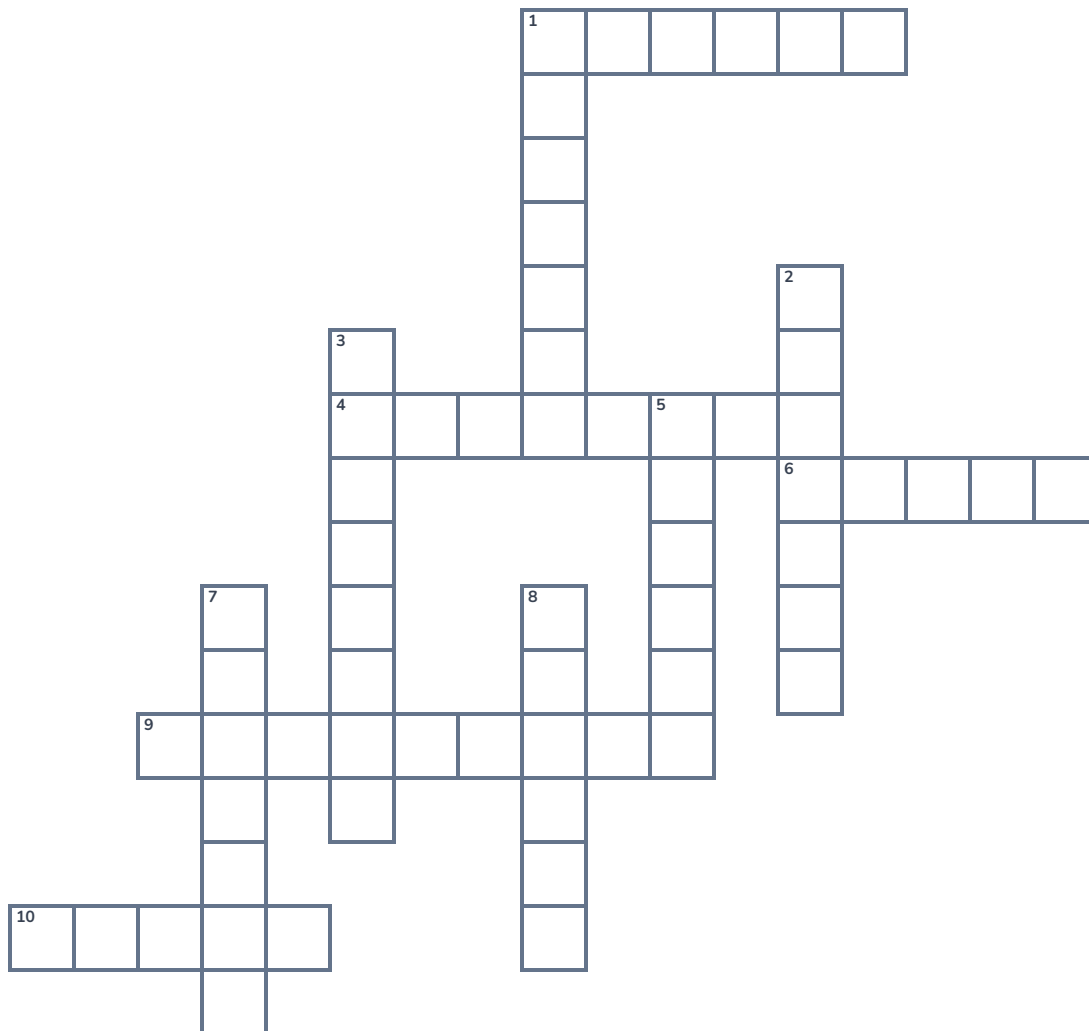
FIND THESE WORDS

HARVEST PILGRIM TURKEY FEAST AUTUMN GRATITUDE CORN PUMPKIN
STUFFING CRANBERRY FAMILY THANKFUL GOBBLE PARADE

THANKSGIVING CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Fill in the crossword using the clues below.



ACROSS

1. Procession with floats and bands.
4. Feeling grateful.
6. Savory sauce poured over a meal.
9. Tart red fruit used in sauce.
10. Large, special meal.

DOWN

1. Orange squash often used in pie.
2. English colonist at Plymouth.
3. Bread-based side dish.
5. Relatives you might share a meal with.
7. Gathering crops from fields.
8. Bird often served at Thanksgiving.



UNSCRAMBLE THE THANKSGIVING WORDS!

Unscramble each word. Write the correct spelling on the line.

1. RAVTHSE

2. RGIIMPL

3. YUKETR

4. TNFGIUSF

5. RRRAENYBC

6. RYVGA

7. UNFHATKL

THANKSGIVING MEAL MYSTERY

Use the clues to fill in the logic grid. Mark ✓ for YES and ✗ for NO.

1. Three friends each live in a different city and each brought a different food. Use every city and food once.
2. Sarah lives in Boston and brought pumpkin pie.
3. The friend from Chicago brought mashed potatoes.
4. Michael does not live in Boston or Los Angeles.

	Boston	Chicago	Los Angeles	Pumpkin Pie	Mashed Potatoes	Turkey
Sarah						
Michael						
Emily						

THANKSGIVING EMOJI MATH!

Read the equations from top to bottom. Each one reveals the value of a new emoji — use it to work out the next.

$$\text{🦃} + \text{🦃} = 14$$

$$\text{🦃} + \text{🥧} = 12$$

$$\text{🥧} + \text{🍁} = 7$$

Now figure out the value of each emoji:

$$\text{🦃} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🥧} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🍁} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Now that you know each value, solve these:

1. $\text{🦃} + \text{🥧} + \text{🍁} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2. $\text{🥧} + \text{🥧} + \text{🍁} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. $\text{🦃} + \text{🦃} + \text{🥧} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

4. $\text{🍁} + \text{🍁} + \text{🍁} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

5. $\text{🦃} - \text{🥧} + \text{🍁} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

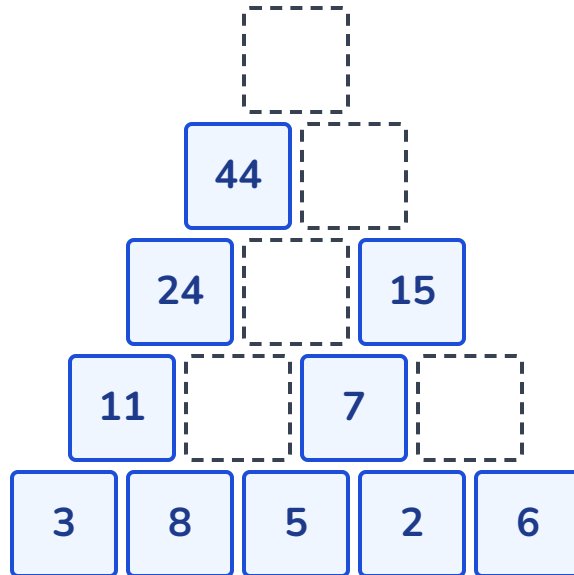
6. $\text{🥧} + \text{🍁} + \text{🍁} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

7. $\text{🦃} + \text{🦃} + \text{🍁} + \text{🍁} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



THANKSGIVING FEAST PYRAMID

Each block equals the sum of the two blocks below it. Fill in the missing numbers!



THANKSGIVING SUDOKU FUN

Fill in each grid so every row, column, and 2x2 box contains the numbers 1–4.

Puzzle 1

			2
	2	4	
2			4
1	4		3

Puzzle 2

			1
4	1		
1		3	2
	2	1	

Puzzle 3

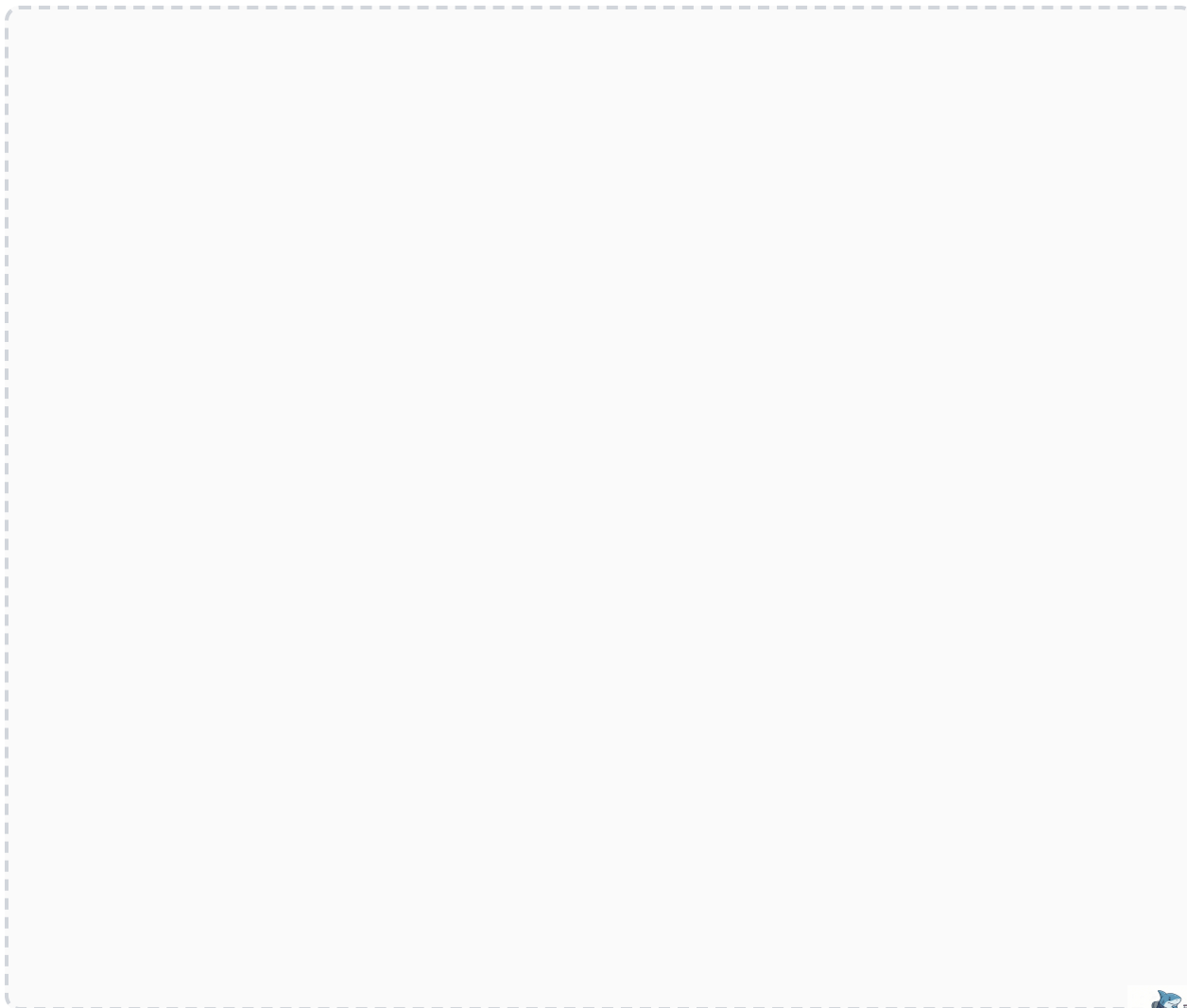
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1	2	3	
4		2	1

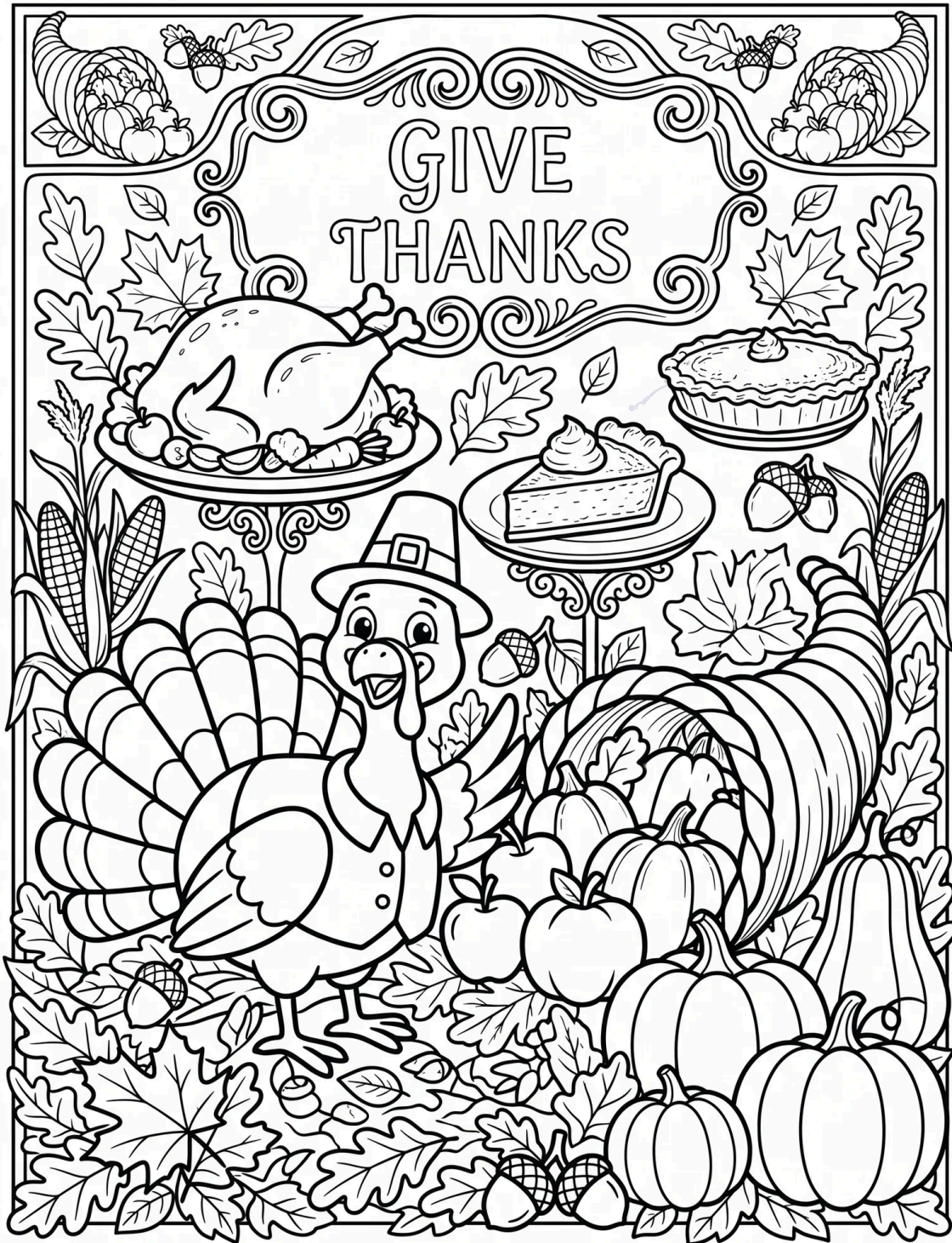
DRAW YOUR GRATITUDE

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Draw a person, place, or thing you are thankful for. Add a label to explain your drawing.

 You could draw a helpful friend, your family, a pet, or a favorite place.



Color the Thanksgiving turkey!

