

The Story of the First Thanksgiving

Narrator #1 Hello! My name is _____. I will be playing the part of narrator 1.

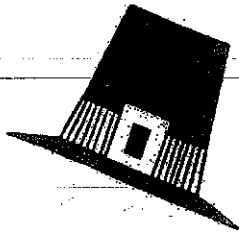
Narrator #2 Hi! My name is _____. I will be playing the part of narrator 2.

Pilgrim #1 Hello! My name is _____. I will be playing the part of Pilgrim #1.

Pilgrim #2 Hi! My name is _____ and I will be playing the part of Pilgrim #2.

Squanto Hello! My name is _____ and I will be playing the part of Squanto.

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Narrator #1
Narrator #2

Pilgrim #1
Pilgrim #2

Squanto

Narrator #1 -

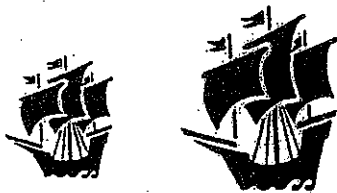
Good morning! We're here to tell you all about the story of the first Thanksgiving.

Pilgrim #1 -

In September of 1620, a little ship called the Mayflower left England.

Pilgrim #2 -

The Pilgrims boarded two ships on that day. One was the Mayflower. The other ship was called the Speedwell.



Narrator #2 -

The Speedwell began taking on water. It could not make the long trip across the ocean.

Narrator #1 -

The Speedwell had to go back to England. Now all of the Pilgrims had to go on the Mayflower.

Pilgrim #2 -

Our tiny ship was very crowded. 102 people were on the ship.

Pilgrim #1 -

We sailed for 66 days. Most of us had to stay below the deck.

It was very cold and damp on the ship. We ate dried beef and hard bread. We had no water for washing.

Narrator #2 -

At last, the tiny ship reached America.

Narrator #1 -

A search party went ashore. They found a good place for us to live.

Pilgrim #1 -

There was lots of fresh water and fields for planting.

Narrator #2 -

Winter was coming and the Pilgrims worked hard to build houses.

Narrator #1 -

Many of the Pilgrims got sick. There was very little food.

Pilgrim #2 -

It was a long, hard winter for the Pilgrims.

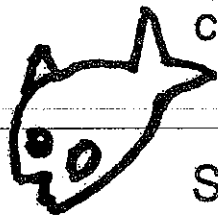
Narrator #2 -

In the spring, an Indian came to see the Pilgrims. He was very friendly. His name was Squanto.



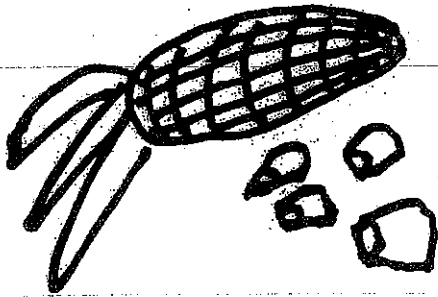
Squanto -

I showed the Pilgrims how to plant corn the Indian way.



Pilgrim #1 -

Squanto put a dead fish next to our corn seeds. Then he covered them all up. The dead fish was like fertilizer. It helped the corn grow.



Pilgrim #1 -

Squanto and his Indian friends helped the Pilgrims in many ways.

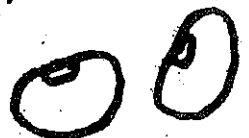
Squanto -

I told my Pilgrim friends that the best time to plant corn is when the leaves of the white oak are as large as a mouse's ear. I showed the Pilgrims how to make popcorn, too!



Pilgrim #2 -

The Indians taught us how to hunt and fish. They helped us plant corn, beans, and pumpkins.



Narrator #1 - The Pilgrims wanted to thank their Indian friends.

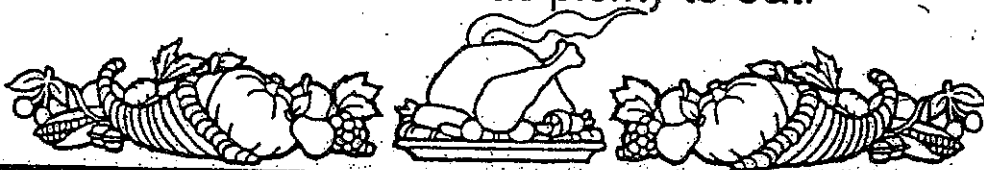
Narrator #2 - In the fall the Pilgrims had a good harvest. They had lots of food. They had homes.

Narrator #1 - The Pilgrims had much to be thankful for. They had been through hard times. They decided to have a feast.

Pilgrim #1 - We invited our Indian friends to join us. 90 Indians came to our feast.

Squanto - Chief Massasoit sent some Indians into the forest. The Indians came back with five deer.

Pilgrim #2 - There was plenty to eat.



Narrator #2 -

The pilgrims and Indians ate corn bread, wild turkey, goose, and fruit.

Pilgrim #2 -

Our Thanksgiving Feast lasted three days.

Squanto -

We played many games. It was a happy time for everyone.

Narrator #1 -

The Pilgrims had much to be thankful for. The first Thanksgiving will never be forgotten.

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The End.

