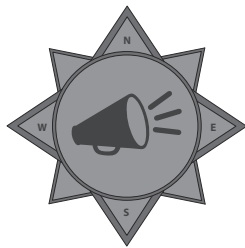


# THANKSGIVING

Our homes in Eagles Heights are all a-flurry right now. Maybe yours is too. The holiday season is starting. In the United States that means the time from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. Preparation can begin as early as the day after Halloween.



## EARN THIS NUGGET

It's easy for Thanksgiving to become just another day to have off of school and eat some awesome food, but it should be a time of reflection and, you guessed it, thankfulness.

**Trailblazers and Rockhoppers:** create a placemat for every person who will be eating with you this year. Decorate it in a way that will make them feel special and then write a few reasons that explain why you're thankful for them.

**Cragman:** you, too, can create a placemat if you like, but I think it might be more appropriate for you to write a personal note from your heart to each person to tell them why you are thankful for them.

Show your gratitude to your parents by helping to plan dinner, and with the preparations.

Other countries also celebrate Thanksgiving at different times during the year. In Canada, for example, the holiday is on the second Monday of October. The first celebration of Thanksgiving was in the area that is now Canada in the late 1500s.

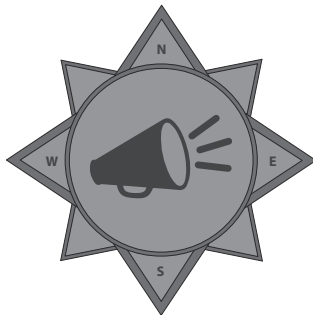
There were various other times of thanksgiving through the years. The official Canadian celebration began in 1872 to observe thankfulness for the recovery of the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) from a serious illness.

The settlers in Massachusetts and Virginia began this tradition in the early 1600s. It was a time of giving thanks and worshipping God for a good harvest. It did not become an annual event for about 150 years.



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In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation asking Americans to acknowledge God for the “opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.” This day was devoted to prayer and thanksgiving. This day of thanks became an annual tradition in many communities.



Sarah Josepha Hale wrote letters to governors, ministers, newspaper editors, and all presidents to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. She requested that the last Thursday of November be set aside to “offer God our tribute of joy and gratitude for the blessings of the year.” In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring the last Thursday of November to be a National Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving dinner traditionally has a turkey with stuffing, some cranberries, potatoes and gravy, and sweet potatoes or squash.

Most families top off the meal with pumpkin pie. Watching football on T.V. is a must for some people.

We are all helping our parents prepare for Thanksgiving Day. Jasper is making decorations for the table. Roland is helping his parents harvest corn and squash from their garden. Balthazar looking for the perfect turkey to help cook for his family.

What does your family do for Thanksgiving?



## Books

- An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving by Louisa May Alcott
- Squanto's Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving by Joseph Bruchac and Greg Shed
- Sara Morton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Girl by Kate Waters
- Historical Thanksgiving Cooking and Baking by Robert Pelton
- Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving by Laura Halse Anderson

## Complimentary Skills

Level A #KB3 Pray for a meal

Level C #763 How to Set a Table

Level D #883 Write a Thank you note

#8B1 Peeling Veggies

Level H #1211 Plan a Menu

Level I #1386 Bonus – Storing Leftovers

