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The First Thanksgiving

1. Noun _____
2. Noun - Plural _____
3. Adjective _____
4. Adjective _____
5. Adjective _____
6. Preposition _____
7. Full Name Of A Person _____
8. Verb - Base Form _____
9. Adjective _____
10. Noun - Plural _____
11. Verb - Past Tense _____
12. Adjective _____
13. Adjective _____
14. Adjective _____
15. Noun _____
16. Verb - Past Tense _____
17. Proper Noun _____
18. Noun _____
19. Adjective _____
20. Verb - Base Form _____
21. Preposition _____
22. Noun - Plural _____
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24. Preposition _____

25. Present Participle _____

26. Number _____

27. Noun _____

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29. Noun _____

30. Verb - Past Tense _____

31. Verb - Past Tense _____

32. Noun _____

33. Number _____

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The Thanksgiving Story

Most stories of Thanksgiving history start with the harvest _____Noun_____ of the _____Noun - Plural_____ and the Native Americans that took place in the autumn of 1621. Although they did have a three-day feast in celebration of a _____Adjective_____ harvest, and the _____Adjective_____ natives did participate, this "first thanksgiving" was not a holiday, simply a gathering. There is _____Adjective_____ evidence that this feast _____Preposition_____ thanks led directly to our modern Thanksgiving Day holiday. Thanksgiving can, however, be traced back to 1863 when Pres. _____Full Name of a Person_____ became the first president to _____Verb - Base Form_____ Thanksgiving Day. The holiday has been a fixture of late November ever since.

However, since most _____Adjective_____ _____Noun - Plural_____ are _____Verb - Past Tense_____ that the first Thanksgiving was held in 1621 with the Pilgrims and Indians, let us take a closer look at just what took place leading up to that event, and then what happened in the centuries afterward that finally gave us our _____Adjective_____ Thanksgiving .

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the Mayflower were originally members of the _____Adjective_____ _____Adjective_____ _____Noun_____ (a Puritan sect). They had earlier _____Verb - Past Tense_____ their home in England and sailed to Holland (The Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious _____Proper Noun_____, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of _____Noun_____, thinking it ungodly.

Seeking a _____Adjective_____ life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to _____Verb - Base Form_____ a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip _____Preposition_____ the Mayflower were non-Separatists, but were hired to protect the company's _____Noun - Plural_____. Only about one-third of the original _____Noun - Plural_____ were Separatists.

The Pilgrims set ground _____Preposition_____ Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was _____present participle_____. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost _____Number_____ of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the _____Noun_____ of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the _____present participle_____ colonists decided to celebrate with a _____Noun_____ - including 91 natives who had _____Verb - Past Tense_____ the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is _____Verb - Past Tense_____ that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The _____Noun_____ was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance. It lasted _____Number_____ days.

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