

# THANKSGIVING



1 - When is Thanksgiving Day celebrated?

2- When was the first Thanksgiving celebrated?

3- What happened on this occasion?

4- When was Thanksgiving declared a national holiday?

5 - What is the meaning of Thanksgiving nowadays?

6- Why is "Freedom from Want" (by Norman Rockwell) used to illustrate Thanksgiving Day?



<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/thanksgiving/>



Beloved in the United States, Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated typically on the fourth Thursday of November.

It is a time to reflect on the year, be thankful, and celebrate with friends and family by enjoying a delicious meal together.

The origins of Thanksgiving can be traced back to the 1620s, when a group of English settlers, known as the Pilgrims, arrived in what is now Massachusetts. After a harsh winter, the Pilgrims were able to harvest a bountiful crop thanks to the help of the Wampanoag Native Americans. In gratitude, the Pilgrims held a feast to give thanks for their survival and the abundance of food. This event is often considered the first Thanksgiving in America.

Over the centuries, Thanksgiving evolved into a national holiday, officially recognized by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 as a day of national thanksgiving and praise. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday to the fourth Thursday of November, where it remains today. Thanksgiving has become a time to contemplate the blessings in our lives, be thankful for the bounty of food and the love of family and friends.