



Animated Thanksgiving™

Thanksgiving Vocabulary to accompany “The Original Thanksgiving”

climate

The weather of a place.

colony

A group of people from one place, living together in a new place. It can also refer to a group of the same kind of animal or plant living together (“a colony of ants”).

colonist

A founder of a colony or a settler living in a colony.

friar

A Roman Catholic priest who lives by charity.

governor

Someone who rules. Usually refers to someone who is elected by the people he or she rules. In the United States, the governor also means the top elected official of a state.

harvest

1. (noun) A crop that is gathered when it is ripe. (“The corn harvest is excellent this year”!)
2. (noun) The season of gathering crops. (“It is almost harvest time”.)
3. (verb) To gather a crop. (“Let’s harvest this corn”!)

Native American

A term referring to the people who lived in North or South America (“native” to “America”) before the colonists arrived from Europe. When Christopher Columbus arrived in the Americas, he mistakenly thought he had gone all the way around the world to India, and he called the Native Americans “Indians!” In Canada, the native people are called First Nations.





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scurvy

A disease caused by lack of vitamin C. People with scurvy lose their teeth and bleed under the skin. The English sailors knew this and kept their ships stocked with oranges, lemons, or limes. This is why the British were called “limeys!”

pilgrim

A religious person who makes a sacred journey.

Pilgrim

A Pilgrim is one of the religious Separatists from England. They were jailed for not following the Church of England ceremonies under King James, or his King James Bible. They were “puritans” who celebrated only “pure” rites in the Bible, such as the Sabbath, not Christmas or Easter. Some Pilgrims fled England and went to Holland where there was more religious freedom. Others went to the British colonies in what is now America. They first sailed to North America in 1620 from Plymouth, England, founding Plymouth colony in “New England.” The boat that the pilgrim colonists sailed in was called the Mayflower.

pneumonia

A disease caused by viruses or bacteria leading to the swelling of the lungs. Pneumonia can lead to death – it comes from the Latin for “lung disease”.

proclamation

An official public announcement

Activity

Write a story of four or five sentences.
Use at least 2 of these words as important elements.
Your story does not need to be about Thanksgiving.

