

THANKSGIVING MYTHS

READING COMPREHENSION




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When we think of Pilgrims, we often think of tall black hats with buckles. However, this might not be accurate. Pilgrims wore simpler clothing without fancy buckles. The Pilgrim's hat and buckle like the ones in the drawings created long after the Pilgrims' time.



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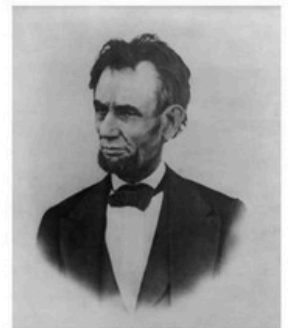
When we think of Pilgrims, we often picture them wearing tall black hats with buckles on them. But historians say this might not be accurate. Pilgrims probably wore simpler clothing without fancy buckles. The image of the Pilgrim's hat and buckle likely comes from stories and drawings created long after the first Thanksgiving.

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THE THANKSGIVING DATE

Another myth about Thanksgiving is that it has always been celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. In reality, Thanksgiving wasn't made an official holiday until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln declared it would be celebrated on the last Thursday of November. It wasn't until 1941 that President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed it to the fourth Thursday to extend the holiday shopping season during the Great Depression.



CONCLUSION

Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude and togetherness, but it's also important to separate fact from fiction. By learning about the myths surrounding Thanksgiving, we can better understand the true history behind this special holiday. So as you gather with your loved ones this Thanksgiving, remember to give thanks for the blessings in your life and to keep exploring the stories that make this holiday so unique.

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DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- 1. What is one reason historians believe the first Thanksgiving might not have been entirely peaceful?**
 - a) The Pilgrims and Native Americans did not share food
 - b) There were conflicts between the Pilgrims and Native Americans
 - c) The Pilgrims refused to eat turkey
 - d) The Native Americans did not help the Pilgrims
- 2. According to historians, what other foods besides turkey might have been eaten at the first Thanksgiving?**
 - a) Pizza and hamburgers
 - b) Deer, fish, and vegetables
 - c) Chicken nuggets and french fries
 - d) Ice cream and cake
- 3. What did Pilgrims likely wear instead of tall black hats with buckles?**
 - a) Baseball caps
 - b) Cowboy hats
 - c) Simpler clothing without fancy buckles
 - d) Top hats with feathers
- 4. Who declared Thanksgiving as an official holiday in 1863?**
 - a) George Washington
 - b) Abraham Lincoln
 - c) Thomas Jefferson
 - d) Franklin D. Roosevelt

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

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4. Who declared Thanksgiving as an official holiday in 1863?
5. Why did President Franklin D. Roosevelt change the date of Thanksgiving in 1941?

5. What was President Franklin D. Roosevelt's reason for changing the date of Thanksgiving in 1941?
a) To give more time for eating turkey
b) To celebrate his birthday
c) To extend the holiday shopping season
d) To start a new tradition

6. What is the main purpose of Thanksgiving according to the passage?
a) To eat lots of food
b) To shop for gifts
c) To express gratitude and spend time with loved ones
d) To watch football games

7. Why did the Native Americans help the Pilgrims?
a) Because they wanted to start a war
b) Because they wanted to learn how to grow crops
c) Because they didn't like the Pilgrims
d) Because they were hungry

8. What is a common misconception about Pilgrim clothing?
a) They wore tall black hats with buckles
b) They wore pink tutus
c) They wore suits and ties
d) They wore spacesuits

9. Which president changed the date of Thanksgiving to the fourth Thursday of November?
a) George Washington
b) Abraham Lincoln
c) Thomas Jefferson
d) Franklin D. Roosevelt

ANSWER KEY

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1. b) There were conflicts between the Pilgrims and Native Americans
2. b) Deer, fish, and vegetables
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6. c) To express gratitude and spend time with loved ones
7. b) Because they wanted to learn how to grow crops
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9. d) Franklin D. Roosevelt
10. c) Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude and togetherness, but it's also important to separate fact from fiction

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