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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.