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On the fourth Thursday of November, Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, a national holiday honoring the early settlers and their harvest feast known as the first Thanksgiving.

Native Americans

Long before _____ Plural noun came to the East Coast of the United States, the area was _____ Past tense verb by many Native American tribes. The area surrounding the site of the first Thanksgiving, now known as southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Rhode Island had been the home of the Wampanoag people for over 12,000 years, and had been _____ Past tense verb by other European settlers before the arrival of the Mayflower. The native people knew the land well and had _____ Past tense verb hunted, and harvested for thousands of generations.

The

Settlers

The people who _____Past tense verb_____the Plymouth Colony were a group of English who wanted to break away from the Church of England. These "separatists" initially moved to Holland and after _____Number_____years of financial problems, they _____Past tense verb_____funding from English merchants to sail across the Atlantic to settle in a "New World." A ship _____Verb ending in ing_____101 men, women, and children spent 66 days traveling the Atlantic Ocean, intending to land where New York City is now located. Due to the windy conditions, the group had to cut their trip short and settle at what is now called Cape Cod.

Settling and Exploring

As the Puritans _____Past tense verb_____for winter, they _____Past tense verb_____anything they could find, including Wampanoag _____Plural noun_____.

One day, Samoset, a leader of the Abenaki, and Tisquantum (better known as Squanto) visited the

_____ Plural noun _____. Squanto was a Wampanoag who had experience with other settlers and knew English.

Squanto helped the settlers grow _____ Noun _____ and use _____ Animal plural _____ to fertilize their fields. After several

_____ Plural noun _____ a formal agreement was made between the sttlers and the native people and they joined

together to protect each other from other tribes in March of 1621.

The Celebration

One day that fall, four settlers were sent to hunt for food for a harvest _____ Noun _____. The Wampanoag heard

gunshots and alerted their leader, Massasoit, who thought the English might be preparing for war. Massasoit

visited the English settlement with 90 of his men to see if the war rumor was true. Soon after their visit, the

Native Americans realized that the English were only hunting for the harvest _____ Noun _____. Massasoit sent

some of his own men to hunt deer for the feast and for _____ Number _____ days, the English and native men, women

, and children ate together. The meal consisted of _____ Plural noun _____ corn, _____ Plural noun _____ and roasted meat,

far from today's traditional Thanksgiving feast.

They played ball games, sang, and danced. Much of what most modern Americans eat on Thanksgiving was not available in 1621.

The Myths

Believe it or not, the settlers didn't have silver buckles on their shoes. Nor did they wear _____ Adjective black clothing. Their attire was actually bright and cheerful. Many portrayals of this harvest celebration also show the Native Americans wearing woven _____ Plural noun on their shoulders and large, feathered headdresses, which is not true. The Englishmen didn't even call themselves Pilgrims.

