**Fact versus Fiction: The First Thanksgiving**

*Part I- Directions: As you hear the words in the video, check them off below.*

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| * Pilgrims | * England | * 1619 | * Edward Winslow | * Harvest Feast |
| * Historic Feast | * Abducted | * Fluent English | * Turkey | * Prayer |
| * Eel | * Slaves | * First Thanksgiving | * Water birds | * Fasting |
| * Squanto | * 27 | * September | * Outnumbering | * 1841 |
| * Corn | * Spain | * November | * Venison | * 1864 |

*Part II: Fill in the blanks below-*

1. One of the main dishes on the pilgrims table was probably \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a Wampanoag Indian who saves the struggling pilgrims by helping them to plant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Squanto has been to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is better traveled than most of the colonists. He had been abducted along with \_\_\_\_\_\_ other Indians and taken to Europe where he learned to speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The event we call the First Thanksgiving happened somewhere between September and November in in 1621. The only reason we know about it is from a letter written by the pilgrim \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He never mentions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, only water fowl.

5. The Wampanoag are most likely responsible for much of the feast when they are sent out to hunt. They catch 5 bucks which makes the main meat dish for the event \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. The Pilgrims never would have called their annual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Thanksgiving, which to them meant a solemn day of prayer spent in church. It is not until the letter is found in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that a New Englander decides to call it Thanksgiving.

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**Video – What You Didn’t Know About Thanksgiving**

1. Why didn’t they have pumpkin pie or potatoes?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. In 1789, President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ announced the first ever National Day of Thanksgiving.

3. Sarah Josepha Hale was inspired to make the event a national holiday. She campaigned for it for 30 years. Who finally made it an annual holiday and why?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Why did Franklin D Roosevelt move the date? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. What tradition did George HW Bush start? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving Lesson:

What are the common symbols and myths about the Thanksgiving Story?

This is part of the letter written by Edward Winslow in 1621. The spelling and

1. Speaker:

2. Occasion:

3. Audience:

4. Purpose:

5. Subject:

6. Tone:

words have been changed to make it easier for people today to understand.

“Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men

hunting wild fowl, so that we might have a special celebration

together, after we had brought in our crops. Those four in

one day killed as much wild fowl that it and some other food

served the community almost a week. At that time, along

with other recreations, we practiced shooting our muskets.

Many of the Wampanoag came to the town including their

leader Massasoit with about ninety men, whom for three

days we entertained and feasted. And they went out and killed

five deer which they brought to the Plantation and presented

to Governor Bradford and Captain Standish and others.

Although food is not always so plentiful as it was at that time,

yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from starvation,

that we often wish you could share our plenty.”