

Close Reading

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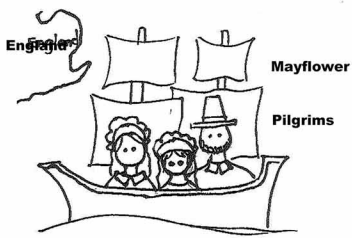
Thanksgiving Is... By Gail Gibbons



Thanking World Holidays through
Reading, Comprehension, Vocabulary
Posters, and Reflection

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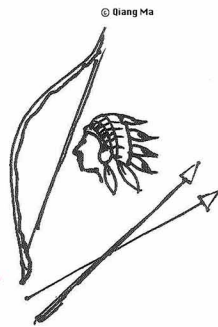




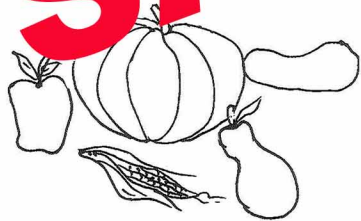
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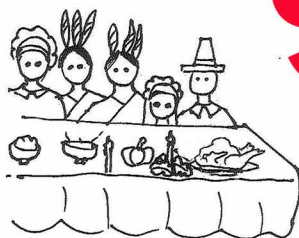
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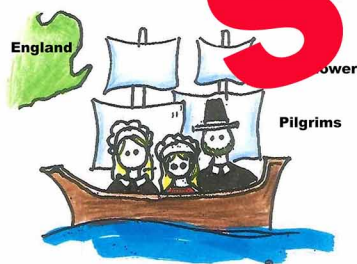
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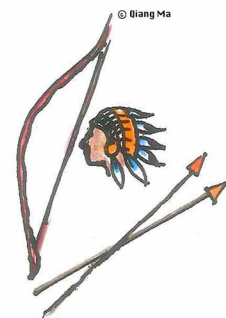
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Thanksgiving Is ... Close Reading Organizer

Title: _____

Things to remember
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What have you learned _____

I learned that the Pilgrims left England in order to worship in their own way.

Thanksgiving

In September 1620, a group of 101 passengers sailed from Plymouth, England, in search of a new home. These men, women, and children were called Pilgrims. They wanted the freedom to worship in their own way, which they had not been allowed to do.

They crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a small ship called the Mayflower. Their voyage was difficult. They sailed through many storms. One passenger died and a baby was born. At last, after a long voyage, they came ashore at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Pilgrims began to build homes. Winter came with its cold winds. The Pilgrims had little food to eat. Many of them died. When spring finally came, the Pilgrims were grateful. Indians taught them how to grow the foods that they themselves ate. Also they taught the Pilgrims how to be better hunters. During the growing season, the crops grew and grew. The fall harvest was plentiful. The Pilgrims wanted to thank God for the abundance of food they would have for the coming winter. There was a great feast. The Indians were invited to share the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving. The feast lasted three days.

Later, Thanksgiving was officially declared a holiday. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November to be Thanksgiving Day. The first nationally declared Thanksgiving Day for the United States was in 1939 when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made a change and declared Thanksgiving Day to be the fourth Thursday of November.

In many ways, our Thanksgiving celebrations remind us of the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving. There are pumpkins, turkeys, fall leaves, and other symbols gathered together to look like harvest time. Some homes are decorated. Family and friends come together to share good times. Tables are filled with many of the same foods the Pilgrims shared with the Indians. There is turkey, stuffing, cranberries, sweet potatoes, beans, squash, cornbread, and other good things to eat. There is pumpkin pie, mince meat pie, bread pudding, baked apples, and all kinds of other treats.

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What difficulties did the Pilgrims have when they arrived at their new home?	
How did Indians help the Pilgrims?	
When was Thanksgiving Day declared nationally for the United States? Which day is Thanksgiving Day?	

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Who were called Pilgrims?	Pilgrims refer to the men, women, and children who sailed Mayflower from Plymouth, England in 1620. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean to Plymouth, Massachusetts in search of a new home so they could worship in their own ways.
What difficulties did the Pilgrims have when they arrived at their new home?	When the Pilgrims arrived in the new land, they had difficulties. They came with its cold winter. They had little food to eat. Many of them died.
How did Indians help the Pilgrims?	Indians helped the Pilgrims by teaching the Pilgrims how to grow foods and how to be better hunters.
When was Thanksgiving Day declared nationally for the United States? Which day is Thanksgiving Day?	Thanksgiving Day was first declared nationally for the United States in 1863 as the last Thursday of November. Later in 1939, Thanksgiving Day was changed to be the fourth Thursday of November.

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Vocabulary

grateful	thankful, appreciative
abundance	plenty, lots, more than enough
feast	a large meal, banquet, a large dinner
celebration	party, gathering, To do something that is enjoyable or an important event, etc.
proclaim	to make known publicly
declare	to make known publicly

Getting Started: Thanksgiving Close Reading

1. It is suggested that you get the following items ready.

Item	Teacher	Student
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Lesson plan	V	
Vocab Poster	V	
	*	
	Teacher can blow the original black and white sample into a poster.	
Info Organizer	V	V
Blank Paper for Drawing on Day 1	V	V
1 Reading Passage	V	V
1 Text Dependent Questions Set	V	V
Vocabulary	V	V
2 Thanksgiving Black Line Drawings (with/without labels)	V	
2 Thanksgiving Color Drawings (with/without labels)	*	*
	Teacher can blow the original black and white sample into a poster and color it.	Students may create the poster in groups by using teacher's sample. It makes a great centerpiece poster.
Teacher finished sample Package	*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Color Drawing with labels • Vocab Poster with Post-it notes • Info Organizer completed • 1 Reading Passage with marks • 1 Text Dependent Questions Set with answers • Vocab Sheet with answers 	I tried to try to make it as possible as possible to make it as possible as possible. I tried to make it as possible as possible to make it as possible as possible. I tried to make it as possible as possible to make it as possible as possible.	
Sharpie	V	V
Crayon/Markers	V	V
Post-It	*	

V: must, *: optional

2. Read the lesson plan.
3. Look at the finished sample works included.
4. Photocopy 5 page package (1 Empty page, 1 Info Organizer, 1 Reading Passage, 1 Text Dependent Questions Set, and 1 Vocab Sheet) for students. Make an extra set for the teacher to use.
5. The lesson is designed to cross curriculum (Language Arts, Social Science/World Holidays/Thanksgiving, and Fine Arts) using close reading and GLAD strategies.

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Thank you so much and I hope you enjoy this lesson.

