

The Story of Thanksgiving

WebQuest Description: In this WebQuest you will explore how the celebration of Thanksgiving began, the history of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag, the first Thanksgiving feast, but also the place of the Native Americans in this celebration!

Grade Level: 6-8

Curriculum: Foreign Language

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Introduction

Every year on the fourth Thursday in November, Americans celebrate Thanksgiving. If you are curious as to why and how Americans celebrate this holiday, now is the moment to learn all about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans, and the first feast. Today, you and your classmates can see for yourselves what it was like to live in the early days of America's history and what it is like to celebrate Thanksgiving! Today, you and your classmates can explore the early days of America's history and celebrate the first Thanksgiving!

Tasks

You will follow the questions and links to fulfill your task. This task is simple: you are a team of historians who want to write an article about Thanksgiving. For that, you have to answer the questions using the information in the column. Hand your answers to your teacher at the end of the session. Fortunately, you are great historians and have an incredible team spirit.

Process

First things first: You must assign roles for the members of your group. Researcher: You will be in charge of doing the research for your group. You will navigate the online sources provided and locate the information to help the Recorder write the answers to the questions. Record Keeper: You will take the information provided by the researcher and complete the "The Story of Thanksgiving: WebQuest" info sheet. Team Leader: You will be the time manager for the group. You will be responsible for keeping the group on task and making sure that you finish your task on time. You will also be responsible for helping the other members of your group complete their task. PLEASE REMEMBER: Even though you each have a specific role, you are all responsible for the outcome of this WebQuest. You must help and support each other so that you all get the best grade possible. You will present ONE finished project for your group and all members will receive the same grade. Be sure to be a team player!

Step 1: let the wheel decide your role. Spin the wheel!

Step 2: After each of you has its role, you will do some research about one aspect of the celebration of Thanksgiving. Use the "The Story of Thanksgiving: WebQuest" sheet handed by the teacher to answer the questions. Use the following resource to find information to answer the questions. Use the information in the column corresponding to the title of your "The Story of Thanksgiving: WebQuest" info sheet. For example, the group that has the info sheet "The Pilgrim Fathers" reads the column "The Pilgrim Fathers." Step 3: Hand in the answers to the teacher. !!! Do not forget to write your names. Step 4: You can play the games in the column entitled "Games and Books about Thanksgiving".

Evaluation

Category and Score	4	3	2	1	Score
Completeness	All the information is included	Some information is missing	Half of the information is missing	Very few pieces of information are included	
Accuracy	All the information is correct	Most of the information is correct	Half of the information is correct	Very few pieces of information are correct	
Language	Fluent and rich	Mostly clear and correct	Partly clear, a few mistakes	Too many mistakes, not clear enough	
Group Cooperation	We worked well together, respected our roles and helped each other	We worked well together most of the time	We worked well together sometimes	We barely worked well together	

Category and Score	4	3	2	1	Score
				Total Score	

Conclusion

You did a very good job! You are all wonderful historians! You can go ahead and write your article about the real story of Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!

Teacher Page

This webquest is designed for an 8th-grade class. The students are learning about the celebration of Thanksgiving in the United States in their ESL class. Their language level is A2-B1.

Standards

8th Grade ESL class CEFR: levels A2-B1 Curriculum: Cycle 4: Rancontres avec dâ€™autres cultures

Credits

I would like to thank Ms. Sophie Boudjenane, whose WebQuest, "The Golden Age of Piracy" inspired me to create this WebQuest for my students.

Other