



## Common Myths about the "First Thanksgiving"

**Myth:** The Wampanoag brought popcorn to the first Thanksgiving feast.

**Myth:** The First Official Thanksgiving took place near Plymouth Rock in 1621.

**Myth:** The Native Americans the Pilgrims encountered lived in tipis and traveled on horseback..

**Myth:** The Native Americans wore elaborate head dresses with many feathers.

**Myth:** The Pilgrims shared pumpkin pie, corn on the cob, and sweet potatoes (or yams) with the Wampanoag.

**Myth:** The harvest feast celebrated by Pilgrims and Wampanoags in the fall of 1621 was the first of its kind in the Americas.

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### Group Assignment

1. Explain the myth that your group has been assigned, answering these three questions:
  - What is a truth in this myth?
  - What are other truths behind this myth that might contradict it?
  - What does the myth reveal about those who believe it?
2. As a group, you may use any of the materials available to help you understand and explain the myth.
3. Prepare a five-minute presentation to the class that explains your understanding of the myth, using creative drama, visual aids such as posters, music, illustrations, or an oral presentation.