

You Are the Historian: Learning About the First Thanksgiving

Name _____

Date _____

Learn the truth about the First Thanksgiving on the Web resource below.

http://www.plimoth.org/education/olc/index_js2.html

After you explore the Web site, complete the activities below.

Fact or Myth?

Read each sentence below. Circle T if the sentence is true. Circle F if it is false.

- T F 1. The harvest celebration of 1621 lasted for 2 weeks.
- T F 2. The Wampanoag people and the colonists were very good friends at the time of the harvest celebration.
- T F 3. At the first harvest celebration, there were more Wampanoag people than there were colonists.
- T F 4. The Wampanoag people and the colonists held a harvest celebration each year.

The Evidence

Circle the word(s) that best completes each statement below.

5. A letter written by _____ serves as evidence that the harvest celebration of 1621 really happened.

William Bradford

Miles Standish

Edward Winslow

6. When colonists wrote letters or journals, they often used the letter _____ in place of the letter s in their writing.

c

f

z

7. At the harvest celebration in 1621, Massasoit, the leader of the Wampanoag people, presented _____ deer to the colonists.

two

five

eight

The Wampanoag People

Circle the word(s) that best completes each statement below.

8. The homes of the Wampanoag people were covered with _____.

bark

branches

straw

9. The Wampanoag celebrated the new year each _____.

winter

spring

fall

10. To help crops grow, the Wampanog used _____ as fertilizer.

cow droppings

bullrush

fish

11. In winter, the Wampanoag moved deep into the woods to _____.

hunt

get away from ocean winds

find wood

The English Colonists

Read each sentence below. Circle T if the sentence is true. Circle F if it is false.

T F 12. At the time of the 1621 harvest celebration, the colonists lived in a village of three houses.

T F 13. The English colonists were familiar with a game called football.

T F 14. Colonists celebrated Christmas in the winter of 1621.

T F 15. Some of the native Wampanog people spoke English.

T F 16. Most colonists took a bath each Saturday night.

T F 17. Apple pie was served at the first harvest celebration.

The Path to 1621

Circle the word(s) that best completes each statement below.

18. When the Wampanoag saw the colonists sail into Plimoth, it was the very first time the native people had ever seen _____.
a ship strangers women and children
19. Massasoit, the Wampanoag leader, believed that signing a treaty with the colonists would help the Wampanoag _____.
protect themselves from enemies learn to fish learn about God

“First Thanksgiving” Glossary

On each line, write the letter of the meaning that matches the word. All of the words can be found in the glossaries of the *You Are the Historian: Investigating the First Thanksgiving* Web site.

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| _____ 20. pitching the bar | a. a white linen cap worn by girls |
| _____ 21. bullrush | b. to practice shooting |
| _____ 22. coif | c. not hungry |
| _____ 23. mishoon | d. hunting for birds |
| _____ 24. pottage | e. a game in which players threw logs |
| _____ 25. wetu | f. the results of hard work |
| _____ 26. tumpline | g. a dugout boat used for travel |
| _____ 27. far from want | h. a tall plant that grows in swamps |
| _____ 28. exercise arms | i. a belt made of plant fiber |
| _____ 29. fowling | j. a house of the Wampanoag |
| _____ 30. fruit of labors | k. a thick stew |