

VOCAB-u-lous!

Build a Fabulous Vocab

Thanksgiving

Name _____

Date _____

“A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.”

—*Marcus Tullius Cicero, first century B.C. Roman philosopher*

Thanksgiving did not become a national holiday until President Abraham Lincoln issued his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation. Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Yes, please use your dictionary.

Word Bank	caveat indigenous	cornucopia lagniappe	derives saunter	flourish shallop	giblet wattles
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1. Turkeys, so called because of their “turk-turk” call, are _____ to the “New World.”
2. Professor Connor indulges in a _____ across the campus before he helps serve Thanksgiving dinner at the soup kitchen.
3. A tom turkey has folds of red skin called _____ bunched under its chin.
4. In Japan, people celebrate Labor Thanksgiving day, which _____ from the Shinto Harvest Festival held at the imperial court.
5. After the *Mayflower* colonists dropped anchor in Massachusetts Bay, they used a _____ to ferry themselves to the mainland.
6. Thanksgiving values and traditions have their roots far back in human history and _____ in every culture and religion.
7. A _____ overflowing with fruits and vegetables symbolizes abundance.
8. My mother has one _____ about Thanksgiving dinner: Don’t take more than you can eat.
9. Randa hates _____ stuffing because she can’t get the image of herself eating guts out of her mind.
10. The Thanksgiving feast included a dubious _____ in the form of a lecture from Aunt Jane.