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Turkey Talk!

Thanksgiving, the holiday that celebrates family, and most importantly FOOD! For this assignment you will be looking at the things that impact Thanksgiving traditions.

**Part 1:**

Go to the following website: <http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=48&type=educator> read the provided articles and answer the questions. Email me your responses via the webpage.

**Part 2:**

Watch the following videos, and answer the following questions at <http://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving/videos>

**-History of Thanksgiving**

1. What year was the very first Thanksgiving held?

2. What was eaten at the first Thanksgiving?

3. When was Thanksgiving first declared a holiday? Why?

4. Who campaigned to make Thanksgiving a holiday on a the calendar?

5. What year was Thanksgiving established as a holiday? Which president declared it?

6. What now popular tradition for Thanksgiving afternoon was started by the Detroit Lions in the 1920’s?

7. What year was the first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade?

**-Thanksgiving becomes a holiday**

**-Pumpkin Pie**

8. How many pies does the Little Pie Company make?

9. What spices do they include in their pies?

**-The Mayflower**

10. When did the Mayflower set sail?

11. How many passengers and crew members were aboard?

Men:

Women:

Boys:

Girls:

Average Age:

Oldest Person:

Youngest Person: Named:

12. What day did the Mayflower land?

13. How many pilgrims survived the first winter?

14. How many people today are decedents of the pilgrims?

15. Name 2 famous people that are pilgrim decedents.

**-Thanksgiving Day Parade**

16. How many people come to watch the balloons being blown up for the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade?

**Part 3:**

You will be writing an essay about Thanksgiving in your family. You may choose from one of the below prompts. The essay must be written formally: Introduction, body, and conclusion. The essay should be a minimum of 1 page long; double spaced and standard formatting.

\*Describe your favorite Thanksgiving. What happened and why was it the best?

\*What is on the menu for your Thanksgiving meal? Tell me about what foods you are most looking forward to, and why.

\*Compare and contrast American Thanksgiving traditions with another country whom celebrates a similar holiday. What traditions do they have? How was their holiday established? When is the holiday celebrated?

**How you will be graded:**

 Email response to the cost of a Thanksgiving meal (10 points)

 Completion of video questions (10 points)

 Essay (30 points)

 \*Spelling and grammar (5 points)

 \*Formal composition requirements followed (5 points)

 \*Content was well written and developed. (15 points)

 \*All paper requirements were followed and the assignment was turned

in on time. (5 points)