

Lesson 8

1. Thanksgiving is a popular holiday in the United States. It is _____ each year on the third Thursday in November.
2. Thanksgiving brings families together around the dinner table. The centerpiece of the _____ is usually a roast turkey.
3. The first Thanksgiving was held in late 1621. At that time the Pilgrims gave thanks for their first _____.
4. Forty-one passengers had met the previous year in the *Mayflower's* main cabin. At that _____, they drew up the rules by which they would govern themselves.
5. The set of rules was known as the Mayflower Compact. All those who signed it _____ to observe the agreement.
6. The *Mayflower* carried everything the Pilgrims would need in the New World. Musical instruments, considered unimportant, were not part of the _____.
7. Liquids were brought over on the *Mayflower* in watertight barrels. These _____ could later be used by the Pilgrims to store water.
8. Axes were very important tools. With them the Pilgrims could _____ logs from the forest trees to make their homes.
9. Everyone who was able to had to work. Small children might be given the _____ of collecting firewood.
10. The Pilgrims were starving by the end of the winter. When Samoset visited them, their supplies of food had _____ to almost nothing.
11. By early 1621, many had died and most of the others were sick. Just when things were most _____, help arrived.
12. The Pilgrims were too feeble to defend themselves if attacked. Luckily the Wampanoags were not _____.
13. It was important for the Pilgrims to know which berries could be eaten safely. The Wampanoags showed them which were _____ and which were poisonous.
14. Other ships followed the *Mayflower*, bringing more goods and people from England. The Plymouth colony became quite _____ as trade with England grew.
15. The Pilgrims took life very seriously. If they could come back today, they would probably think that most Americans lead very _____ lives.