**Thanksgiving Day** is a national holiday celebrated in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean Islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the harvest of the preceding year. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the [second Monday of October](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving_(Canada)) in Canada and on the [fourth Thursday of November](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving_(United_States)) in the United States, and around the same part of the year in other places. Although Thanksgiving has historical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_holiday as well.

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