



LESSON PLAN

GRADE

3-5

SUBJECT

Language Arts

LESSON

TOPIC

Thanksgiving

DATE

LESSON FOCUS AND GOALS

Thanksgiving Narrative Writing Activity

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Paper
- Pencil

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Demonstrate perspective by imagining the experience at the first Thanksgiving.
- Practice creative writing skills with descriptive details, sensory language, and narrative structure

STRUCTURE / ACTIVITY

- View [“History of Thanksgiving for Kids” by Bedtime History](#)
- Ask students to imagine they’re a child at the first Thanksgiving. Have them write a short journal entry describing their day, including what they ate, the people they met, and any fun activities or games.
- Video resources to review/reinforce prior knowledge of narrative writing:
 - [What Is Narrative Writing? by Lincoln Learning ELA](#)
 - [Narrative Writing 1 by Lincoln Learning ELA](#)

EXTENSION OPPORTUNITY

CURRICULUM

- Common Core ELA standards:
 - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.3 / W.4.3 / W.5.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
 - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.4 / W.4.4 / W.5.4: Produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.
 - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.5 / W.4.5 / W.5.5: With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.
 - CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.2 / L.4.2 / L.5.2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.