

# Thanksgiving Day



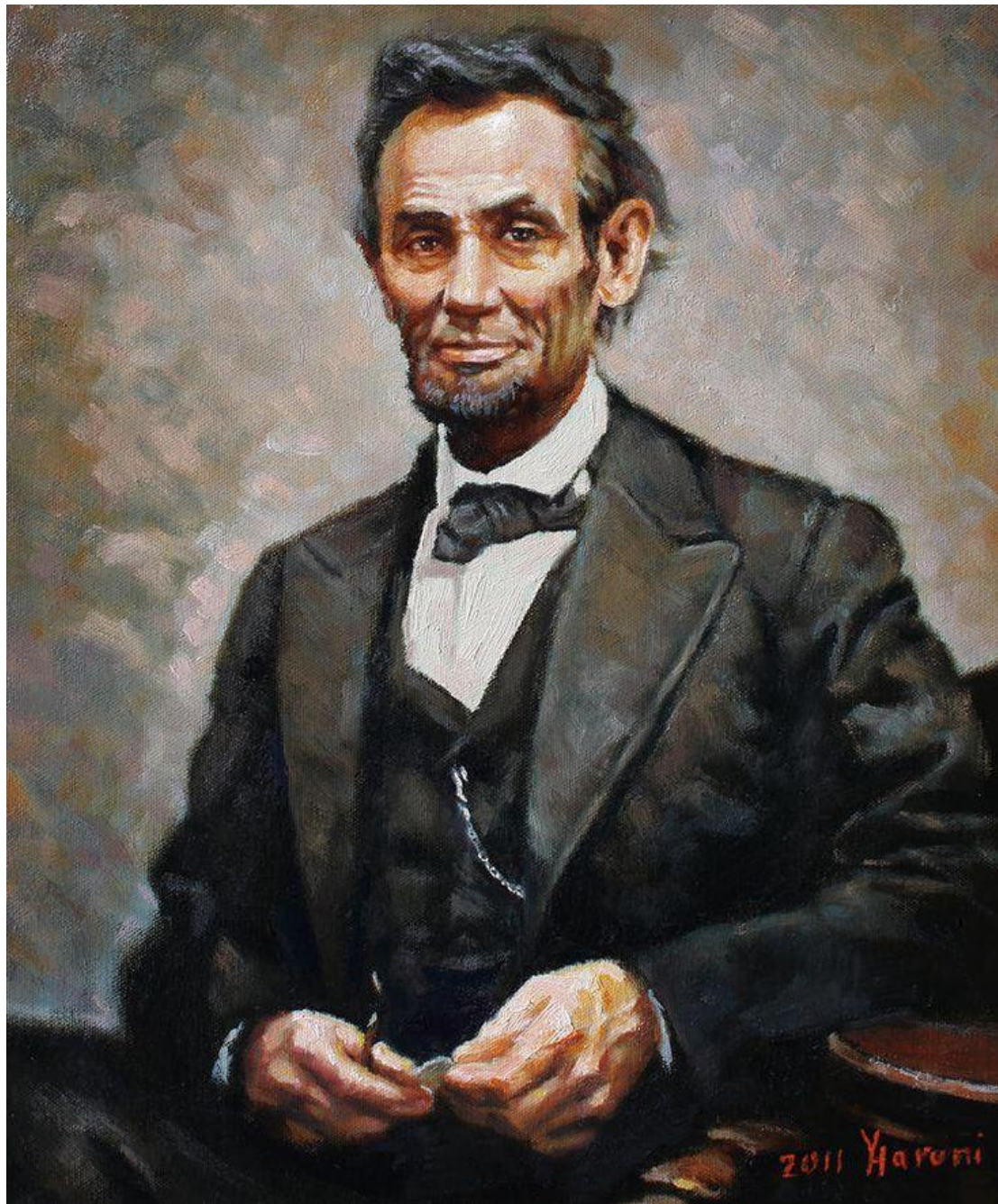
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*In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the last Thursday in November. This holiday is one of the big six main holidays of the year. It is celebrated by people of different faiths. They thank God for all the good things in their lives.*







*Thanksgiving has been an official holiday in the United States since 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thursday November 26 as National Thanksgiving Day. Before that, this holiday was celebrated by the English colonists of the Plymouth Colony, who had to endure the*





*family holiday. Therefore, on this day, families always gather together especially for a wonderful lunch. A large fried stuffed turkey is the most common main dish for Thanksgiving lunch, which is why Thanksgiving is often called "Turkey Day". In 2012, Americans bought more than 46 million turkeys for Thanksgiving. Turkey is usually served with sweet potatoes or mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce and pumpkin or apple pie. Cider is a traditional drink on this day. Before eating, families and friends usually pause to give thanks in prayer, including the joy of being united on this occasion.*



*If you're in New York for Thanksgiving, don't miss the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Musical performances, dancers, clowns and giant aerial heroes appear at the parade. This parade includes more than 3.5 million spectators and 10,000 participants. This is one of the biggest parades in New York.*





*Thanksgiving is a special day on which it is customary to help people in need. Charities offer lunches for the poor, visit homes for the elderly or disabled, or local children's hospitals. Ordinary Americans also help poor people. They invite poor friends to Thanksgiving*

