

# A Harvest of Economic Activities



## **No Extra Room on the Mayflower (K-2)**

Concepts: Scarcity

<http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=675&type=educator>

*The Mayflower was This Big* is a great tie in to the EconEdLink Lesson above.

[http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson\\_plans/holidays/thanks/k2mayflower.html](http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/holidays/thanks/k2mayflower.html)

## **Putting Turkey on a Table (or a graph) (K-4)**

Concepts: Production, Consumption

[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_lesson/02/lp286-02.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/02/lp286-02.shtml)

## **Packing the Pilgrims' Trunk (elementary)**

Concepts: Scarcity, choice, opportunity cost

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/packing-pilgrim-trunk-personalizing-400.html?tab=3#resources>

## **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (3-8)**

Book Bonus: Balloons over Broadway by Melissa Sweet

Concepts: Human capital, producer, production, technology innovation, consumers

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1862565,00.html>

<http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/107459>

## **The Mayflower Compact: Would You Sign? (5-8)**

Concepts: Scarcity, choice

[http://www.education.com/activity/article/mayflower\\_compact/](http://www.education.com/activity/article/mayflower_compact/)

## **Let's Talk Turkey: The Cost of Thanksgiving Dinner (9-12)**

Concepts: Costs

<http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=48&type=educator>

<http://www.fb.org/index.php?action=newsroom.home>

## **Gobble, Gobble! (6-12)**

Concepts: consumer, choice, demand

How the Thanksgiving Plate Varies across the United States

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/graphicdetail/2013/11/daily-chart-16>

### **Feasting on a Budget Infographic**

Concepts: budget, choice, opportunity cost

<http://visualeconomics.creditloan.com/feasting-on-a-budget-how-americans-will-trim-the-fat-this-thanksgiving/>

### **The Best Time to Book a Thanksgiving Flight: The Economics of Travel**

Concepts: consumer, demand, prices, market, industry

<http://www.boston.com/travel/2014/10/02/the-best-time-buy-thanksgiving-flights-right-now/90JJKsc31jOqngf6O1Mq1K/story.html>

### **10 Interesting Thanksgiving Facts (K-12)**

Check out Fact 2 for your economic connection.

<http://www.todayifoundout.com/index.php/2010/11/10-interesting-thanksgiving-facts/>

### **Thanksgiving by the Numbers (5-12)**

Concepts: Consumption

[http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/pdf/cb13ff-24\\_thanksgiving.pdf](http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/pdf/cb13ff-24_thanksgiving.pdf)

### **Black Friday**

Concepts: Consumer

[http://useconomy.about.com/od/demand/f/Black\\_Friday.htm](http://useconomy.about.com/od/demand/f/Black_Friday.htm)

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/quora/what-are-the-economics-behind-black-friday-2013-11-24/4350709.html>

### **The Economics behind Your Thanksgiving Turkey**

Concepts: supply and demand

<http://www.genfk.com/2013/11/the-economics-behind-your-thanksgiving-turkey/>

### **John Stossel: The Lost Lesson of Thanksgiving**

Concepts: property rights, Tragedy of the Commons

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2010/11/24/john-stossel-lost-lesson-thanksgiving/>

## **Additional Resources**

### **Investigating the First Thanksgiving: You are the Historian**

Great interdisciplinary and Common Core connections.

<http://www.plimoth.org/media/olc/intro.html>

<http://www.edtechninja.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/12/be-the-historian-1st-thanksgiving-guide1.pdf> (worksheet for the website)

### **Teacher's Guide Primary Source Set: Thanksgiving**

FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

[http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/thanksgiving/pdf/teacher\\_guide.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/thanksgiving/pdf/teacher_guide.pdf)

**Education World: Happy Thanksgiving: Lesson Plans and Activities**

<http://www.educationworld.com/holidays/archives/thanksgiving.shtml>

**Scholastic's everything for Thanksgiving Site**

Lots of resources for Thanksgiving learning.

[http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic\\_thanksgiving/resources/](http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/resources/)

**Thanksgiving Videos from the History Channel**

**Cross curricular Connections**

<http://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving>

**Glossary of Economic Terms**

[http://www.stlouisfed.org/education\\_resources/glossary/](http://www.stlouisfed.org/education_resources/glossary/)

<http://www.econedlink.org/economic-resources/glossary.php>



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