A Harvest of Economic Activities

No Extra Room on the Mayflower (K-2)
Concepts: scarcity
*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

Putting Turkey on a Table (or a graph) (K-4)
Concepts: production, consumption
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/

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

Thanksgiving Dinner Might Cost a Little More this Year (6-12)
Concepts: natural resources, supply, demand
The Economics behind Your Thanksgiving Turkey
Concepts: supply and demand
http://www.genfkd.com/2013/11/the-economics-behind-your-thanksgiving-turkey/

The Great Pumpkin Shortage of 2015 (6-12)
Concepts: shortage, natural resource

Bountiful U.S. 2016 Pumpkin Crop Overcomes Last Year’s Shortfall (6-12)
Concepts: natural resource, shortage, supply

Gobble, Gobble! (6-12)
Concepts: consumer, choice, demand
How the Thanksgiving Plate Varies across the United States

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/

Best Time to Book Thanksgiving Flights 2016
Concepts: consumer, demand, prices, market, industry

10 Interesting Thanksgiving Facts (K-12)
Check out Fact 2 for your economic connection.

Thanksgiving by the Numbers 2016
(5-12)
Concepts: consumption

Black Friday
Concepts: consumer, producer
http://useconomy.about.com/od/demand/f/Black_Friday.htm
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/quora/what-are-the-economics-be_b_4350709.html

National Retail Federation Holiday Planning Playbook 2016
Mall of America Closes Thanksgiving Day 2016

John Stossel: The Lost Lesson of Thanksgiving
Concepts: property rights, Tragedy of the Commons

The Economics of Thanksgiving from 1621 to 2014
Concepts: economic exchange

Additional Resources

Investigating the First Thanksgiving: You are the Historian (K-6)
Great interdisciplinary and state standard connections.
https://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/thanksgiving-interactive-you-are-historian

Teacher’s Guide Primary Source Set: Thanksgiving
From the Library of Congress

Education World: Happy Thanksgiving: Lesson Plans and Activities

Scholastic’s everything for Thanksgiving Site (K-6)
Lots of resources for Thanksgiving learning.
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.econedlink.org/economic-resources/glossary.php

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