

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

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

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

<http://www.agweb.com/article/how-much-will-you-spend-on-thanksgiving-dinner-for-10-associated-press/>

Thanksgiving Dinner Might Cost a Little More this Year (6-12)

Concepts: natural resources, supply, demand

<http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/story/news/local/2015/10/24/bird-flu-thanksgiving/73867666/>

The Economics behind Your Thanksgiving Turkey

Concepts: supply and demand

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

The Great Pumpkin Shortage of 2015 (6-12)

Concepts: shortage, natural resource

<http://money.cnn.com/2015/10/09/news/companies/pumpkin-shortage/index.html>

<http://parade.com/429976/lindsaylowe/get-ready-for-the-pumpkin-shortage-of-2015/>

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/>

How to Save an Average of \$130 on Thanksgiving Flights

Concepts: consumer, demand, prices, market, industry

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/columnist/seaney/2015/10/06/thanksgiving-flights/73382826/>

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/facts-for-features/2014/cb14-ff25.html>

Black Friday

Concepts: consumer, producer

http://useconomy.about.com/od/demand/f/Black_Friday.htm

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/quora/what-are-the-economics-behind-black-friday_b_4350709.html

National Retail Federation Holiday Survival Kit 2015

<https://nrf.com/sites/default/files/Images/Media%20Center/2015-NRF-Holiday-Survival-Kit.pdf>

REI Closing on Black Friday for First Time in Push to #OptOutside

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2015/10/26/rei-closing-on-black-friday-for-first-time-in-its-history/74627872/>

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/>

The Economics of Thanksgiving from 1621 to 2014

Concepts: economic exchange

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/making-sense/the-economics-of-thanksgiving-from-1621-to-2014/>

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

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 (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>



Want more resources?

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