

DID THE PILGRIMS REALLY EAT PUMPKIN PIE? - THE TRUTH ABOUT THANKSGIVING



Dressed in authentic costumes that the colonists would have worn in Plymouth in 1621, our talented interpretive staff will lead Grades 2 through 6 in an amazing new program about this important national holiday. Recognizing that 80% of what is taught about Thanksgiving is incorrect, this program will teach the real truth. This interactive program explores everything from style of dress, to Mayflower myths, to what was really on the first Thanksgiving menu. Students will alphabetize the very unusual names of some of the Colonists who lived in Plymouth and will also analyze a large variety of foods on the table before them to determine which foods would have been on the menu for the first Thanksgiving. Relationships between the colonists and the Native Americans will be examined to determine the truth about the acceptance of the new “pale-skins” in the New World. Working in small groups, students will plan and budget an authentic dinner for the holiday. Students will also review primary documents in the form of letters that the Plymouth inhabitants (they weren’t called Pilgrims until centuries later) wrote and sent home to Europe. Patterning their own writing after the original, they too will write letters “home.” Don’t miss this program offered only during the months of October and November. We will immerse your students in the *truth* about our national holiday.



Age: Grades 2 through 8

Cost: \$5 per student, one teacher/chaperone complimentary with every ten students.

Group Size: 30 or more students

Program Length: Approximately 1 ½ hours

When: October and November through the last day of school before Thanksgiving Break, Monday through Friday, Saturday by special arrangements

Location: Your Location or Bevier House Museum