

Thanksgiving

Lesson Plans & Resources <http://www.niea.org/for-educators/educator-initiative/>

Teaching Approaches

- [How Does the TT Community Teach Thanksgiving?](#) By [Teaching Tolerance](#)
- [Teaching Thanksgiving from a Native American Perspective](#) By Holly Maeder Sheehan (<http://www.bigpicture.org>)
- [Teaching Thanksgiving in a Socially Responsible Way](#) By [Teaching Tolerance](#)
- [Teaching Thanksgiving from the Perspective of Native Americans](#) By Christina “Krea” Gomez
- [Decolonizing Thanksgiving: A Toolkit for Combatting Racism in Schools](#) By Lindsey Passenger Wieck

Lesson Plans/ Study Guides

- [Thanksgiving Mourning \(Lesson Plan\)](#) By [Teaching Tolerance](#) (Middle-High school Level)
- [Relearning Thanksgiving \(Lesson Plan\)](#) By [ArtsandJustice.org](#) (High School Level)
- [Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: The Complete Story of an American Holiday](#) By [New York News Publishers Association](#)
- [Harvest Ceremony Beyond the Thanksgiving Myth: A Study Guide](#) By [The National Museum of the American Indian](#)
- [#StandingRockSyllabus](#), NYC Stands with Standing Rock
- [NMAI Lesson Plan: American Indian Perspectives on Thanksgiving](#)

Native American Perspectives, Contributions and Celebrations

- [Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address](#) By [DanceForAllPeople.com](#)
- [Thanksgiving POV](#) By [Native American Heritage Programs](#)
- [American Indian Perspectives on Thanksgiving](#) By [The National Museum of the American Indian](#)
- [For Many Native Americans, Thanksgiving is a Day of Mourning](#) By [The Boston Globe](#)
- [Do American Indians celebrate Thanksgiving?](#) By [The National Museum of the American Indian](#) (High School level)
- [Do Native Americans Celebrate Thanksgiving and Should You?](#) By Nadra Kareem Nittle (Middle to High School level)
- [No thanks for Thanksgiving \(Podcast\)](#) By [NativeAmericaCalling.com](#)

Historical Resources (these are more like articles for viewpoints and less useful for classroom use)

- No Thanks: How Thanksgiving Narratives Erase the Genocide of Native Peoples By Joanne Barker (High School Level)
- Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: Myths & Misgivings By Rethinking Schools
- Thanksgiving and the Conundrum of Cultural Racism By Scot Nakagawa

Resources for Families

- 10 Ways to Make Your Thanksgiving About Social and Environmental Justice By Eve Bratman (Middle to High School Level)

Book Lists

- Deconstructing the Myths of “The First Thanksgiving” (Resources) By Oyate.Org

Additional Resources

1. **PBS Highlights Indigenous Stories Throughout History**

PBS has compiled stories, videos, and resources highlighting Native American Heritage Month with Indigenous stories throughout history.

To view the PBS highlight on Native American Heritage Month, [please click here.](#)

2. **NMAI Interactive Experience**

The National Museum of the American Indian website currently has an interactive experience to highlight Native American Heritage Month, in which individuals can learn about Native American history, both past and present.

To view the interactive experience, [please click here.](#)

3. **Resources for Educators from the National Education Association (NEA)**

The NEA has highlighted a comprehensive list of resources for educators to utilize both inside and outside of the classroom.

To view these resources, [please click here.](#)

4. **Reading is Fundamental: Celebrating Native American Heritage**

Webpage providing titles and descriptions of informative books sharing the rich stories and traditions of many Native American tribes.

To view the complete list of books, [please click here.](#)

5. **Native American Children’s Literature Recommended Reading List**

Recommended reading list and resources for Head Start/Preschool through 12th grade learning.

To view the recommended reading list, [please click here.](#)

6. **Deconstructing the Myths of “The First Thanksgiving”**

We offer these myths and facts to assist students, parents and teachers in thinking critically about this holiday, and deconstructing what we have been taught about the history of this continent and the world. (Note: We have based our “fact” sections in large part on the research, both published and unpublished, that Abenaki scholar Margaret M. Bruchac developed in collaboration with the Wampanoag Indian Program at Plymouth Plantation. We thank Marge for her generosity. We thank Doris Seale and Lakota Harden for their support.)

To read more, [please click here.](#)

7. **Celebrating Indigenous Reads**

To view the complete list of books and resources, [please click here.](#)