

# Thanksgiving Resources

Native American Heritage Month and the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to introduce new perspectives to children. Check out this list of resources, vetted by our friends at [Project Archaeology](#). We've also included some Penn Museum resources to add to the repertoire!



In this blog post titled [Pass the Cranberry Sauce](#), Project Archaeology educators share a number of resources to help teachers and parents incorporate truthful messages about the first Thanksgiving.

[American Indian Perspectives on Thanksgiving](#). From the National Museum of the American Indian, this document a selection of readings and lessons ideas for students and teachers in grades 4-8.

[Harvest Ceremony: Beyond the Thanksgiving Myth](#) A four-page study guide exploring the first interactions in 1621 Massachusetts, as well as how the Wampanoag thrive today. Classroom discussions included. Also from the NMAI.

[Blog Post: Do American Indians Celebrate Thanksgiving?](#) This 2013 NMAI blog post highlights the views native people as they navigate if and how to celebrate this holiday. A great resource for teachers or parents looking to explore their own thoughts on this topic.

Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, shares a lesson titled [Thanksgiving Mourning](#). In this activity, designed for grades 6-12, students review commentary from Indigenous writers about Thanksgiving and make inferences based on written information. They also have a great article titled "Teaching Thanksgiving in a Socially Responsible Way".

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[This list](#), from the School Library Journal, has a great list of books by and about Indigenous people specifically for teens and tweens. Consider adding some new stories to your bookshelves.

## Penn Museum Resources

The museum's [Native American Voices Educators' Guide](#) provides background information for the teacher, as well as ready-to-use lesson plans for a variety of grade levels.

Digital Daily Digs – Together, we dig into a 3-minute exploration of an extraordinary artifact from the Penn Museum's collection. Below, we've highlighted a few videos featuring artifacts made by Indigenous people.

[Indigenous Origins of Lacrosse](#)

[Seip Earthworks](#)

[Pomo Baskets](#)

[The Mississippian Cosmos](#)

And don't forget our other At-Home Anthropology activities:

[Designing Pomo Baskets](#)

[Coil Pottery](#)

[Birch Bark Triangle & Ball Game](#)

