



# Let's Talk about Thanksgiving

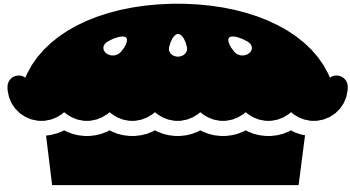
Parts 1 & 2

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Student Health & Human Services

Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

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# Welcome!

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Would you rather eat TURKEY or PIE?

# Objectives



Learn about the different histories of Thanksgiving.



Explore why there may be so many different histories and what it means.



Reflect on how you can honor the true meaning of Thanksgiving.





# Thanksgiving

What do you know about the history of the holiday we recognize as Thanksgiving?





Everything We Know  
about Thanksgiving is  
**WRONG?**

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# The Two Stories of Thanksgiving

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- The version we learn in school, starts with the landing of the Mayflower in 1620 in a small bay north of Cape Cod.
- In the Native American version, the arrival of the Pilgrims marks the beginning of the end.



# Reflection

What does it mean "the arrival of the Pilgrims marks the beginning of the end"?





## MYTH: The Native American's story begins when the Pilgrims land on Plymouth Rock.

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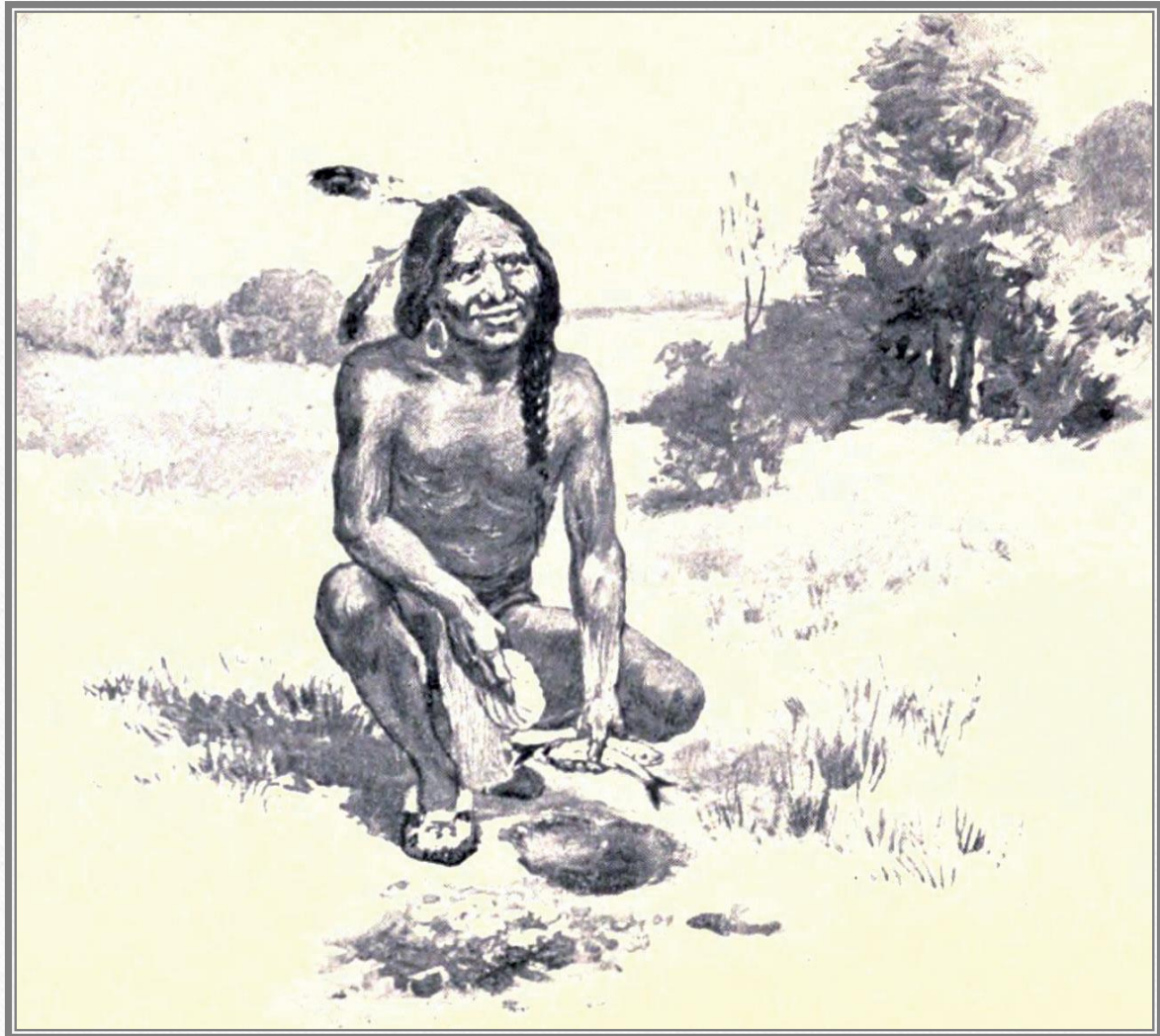
- The Indigenous peoples had a hundred years of contact and trade with the Europeans before the pilgrims arrived in 1621.
- Years earlier British slaving crews introduced smallpox to the native people; over 90% of the local population died.



MYTH: Squanto happened to speak English and was happy to help translate.

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- Tisquantum (Squanto) learned English after being kidnapped and sold into slavery by an English explorer.
- Tisquantum escaped and returned home to discover that his tribe, the Patuxet people, had been wiped out by smallpox.
- Tisquantum used his English skills as an interpreter between the settlers and other native groups.







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MYTH: Thanksgiving is a celebration of the unity between the Indigenous Peoples and the European Settlers.

- Researchers doubt that there was a celebration or unity between the Indigenous Peoples and the European settlers.
- European settlers continually pushed the Indigenous Peoples off their land and made them conform to European customs.



# BREAK

Time permitting, this would be a great spot to stop, and pick back up during your next session!



# Problematic Story Telling

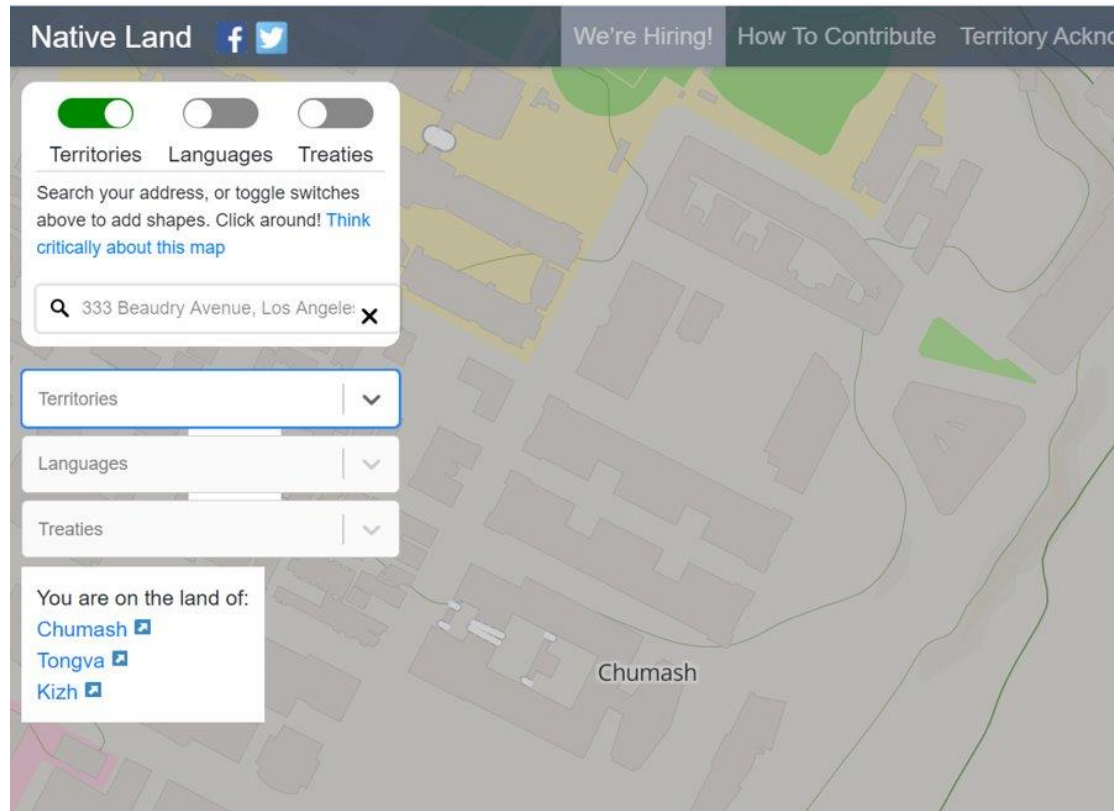
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# Reflection

What problematic messages did that video share?

# What can YOU do?



- Learn about the history of the people whose land you live on!
- Type your address into "native-land.ca"
- LAUSD headquarters (Beaudry) is on Chumash, Tongva and Kizh land.



# What can YOU do?

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Once you have discovered whose land you are on, click on the link and learn more about those nations.



One of the best way we can honor other cultures is by learning more about them!

Happy  
Thanksgiving  
America





# Reflection

What are your thoughts or reactions to the video?

# Check Out

Please share one or two new things you learned about Thanksgiving.



# Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

The screenshot shows the homepage of the LAUSD Human Relations, Diversity and Equity (HRDE) website. At the top, the logo for Student Health and Human Services is displayed next to the text "Student Health and Human Services" and "HUMAN RELATIONS, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY". A navigation bar below the logo contains links for Home, HRDE Resources, Calendar, Wellness Network, Staff Resources, Contact, and District. The main content area features a large yellow banner with the text "SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH LGBTQ+ STUDENTS & FAMILIES". Below the banner are eight circular icons representing different topics: SOGIE & GSA, STANDING WITH BLACK STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES, BULLYING, RESOURCES FOR CURRENT EVENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS, ADVISORY LESSONS, HRDE MEDIA, and LAUSD HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. At the bottom, there is a QR code, the website URL [achieve.lausd.net/human-relations](https://achieve.lausd.net/human-relations), and the Instagram handle [@lausdhrde](https://www.instagram.com/lausdhrde).

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