



National Day of Mourning

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Welcome

Which school subject do you prefer?



History



Math



Science



English



Learn about National Day of Mourning.



Review the historical significance of this day.



Explore the narratives of what happened when the Pilgrims arrived in America.

Objectives

What is National Day of Mourning?



Reflection

Before today, had you ever heard of the National Day of Mourning?



National Day of Mourning

- Every Thanksgiving day in Plymouth, Massachusetts, Indigenous Americans gather to observe a National Day of Mourning.
- National Day of Mourning began in 1970 as a way for Indigenous people to remember their ancestors and grieve their genocide.
- The National Day of Mourning is organized by the United American Indians of New England.



History

- In 1970, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts planned a celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Pilgrim's arrival to North America (specifically, Wampanoag land).
- This organizers wanted to commemorate the friendly relations between the settlers and the Wampanoag people.
- Wampanoag leader, Wamsutta, was invited to make a speech at the event.
- Upon previewing his planned speech, the organizers of the event determined it was not appropriate.
- He was told "the theme of this anniversary celebration is the brotherhood and anything inflammatory would be out of place."



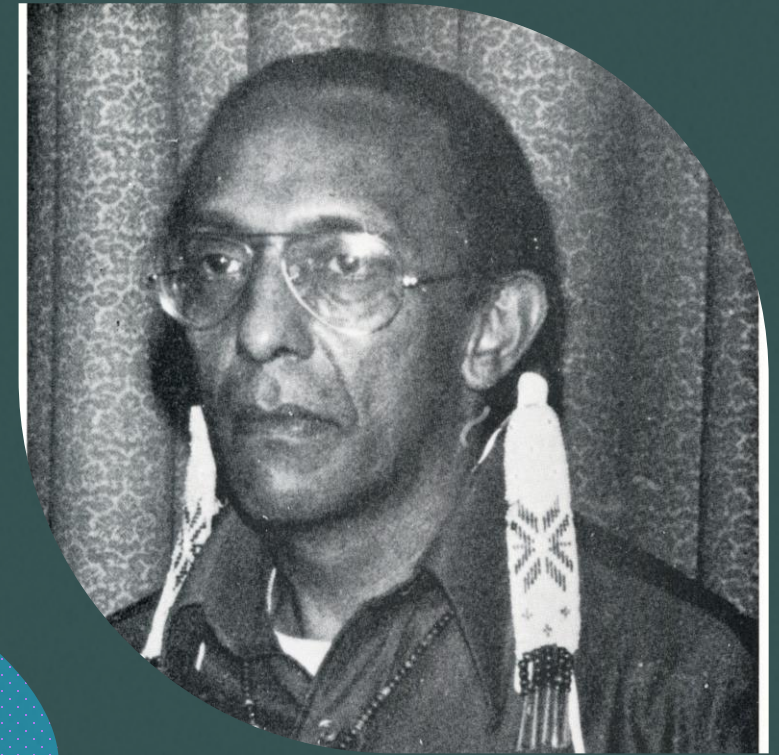
Reflection

What do you think Wamustta was planning to say? What could have been so bad it got his speech denied?



The Protest

- Ultimately, Wamsutta decided not to attend the celebration.
- Instead, he and his supporters gathered in protest at the statue of Massasoit, the leader of the Wampanoag people when the Pilgrims first arrived.
- This statue stands proud atop Cole's Hill, overlooking Plymouth Harbor and the Mayflower replica.
- Here, Wamsutta gave his original speech, recounting the first year the Pilgrims were in North America; a retelling of grave openings, stolen supplies like corn and beans, and the sale of the Wampanoag people as slaves for 220 shillings each.



Annual Protests

- National Day of Mourning protests are held in the same spot every year.
- The objective is to raise awareness of the misrepresentation of the Indigenous people and the colonial experience.
- The National Day of Mourning hopes to educate folks about the true history of the colonialization of America and end the national myth.
- The protest also hopes to address the ongoing contemporary struggles Indigenous people face.



Reflection

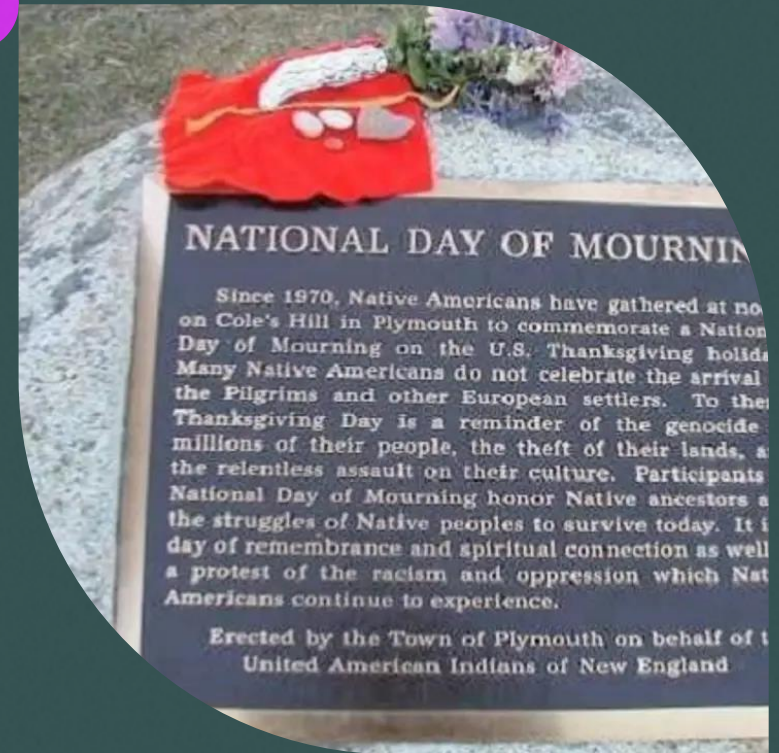
What do you think about Wamsutta's move to decline the event and hold his own protest?



Plaque

- The town of Plymouth, Massachusetts has erected a plaque for the National Day of Mourning.
- It reads:

Since 1970, Native Americans have gathered at noon on Cole's Hill in Plymouth to commemorate a National Day of Mourning on the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday. Many Native Americans do not celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims and other European settlers. To them, Thanksgiving Day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of their people, the theft of their lands, and the relentless assault on their cultures. Participants in National Day of Mourning honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native peoples to survive today. It is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection as well as a protest of the racism and oppression which Native Americans continue to experience.



Reflection

Do you think people are starting to re-think their understanding of Thanksgiving?



What can you do?

Check

out the official event website

Read

Wamsutta's suppressed speech

Find

out whose land you are on

Check Out

Which do you find most relaxing?



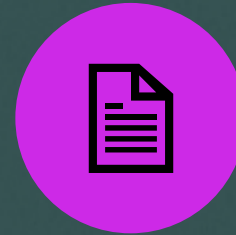
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LISTENING
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Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

The screenshot shows the homepage of the LAUSD Human Relations, Diversity and Equity website. At the top, the logo for Student Health and Human Services is displayed alongside the text "HUMAN RELATIONS, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY". A navigation menu includes links for Home, HRDE Resources, Calendar, Wellness Network, Staff Resources, and Contact. A prominent yellow banner features the text "SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH LGBTQ+ STUDENTS & FAMILIES". Below the banner, eight circular icons represent different content areas: 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, a QR code, the website URL achieve.lausd.net/human-relations, and the Instagram handle [@lausdhrde](https://www.instagram.com/lausdhrde) are provided.

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