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Find the Evidence

Can you find the PROOF for your answers? Use a crayon in the color shown to underline where you found each answer in the text.

The History of Thanksgiving in the United States

Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks for the good things in our lives and our country. Americans celebrate Thanksgiving in late November.

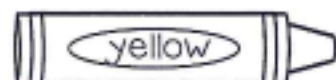
In 1620, Pilgrims came to Plymouth, Massachusetts. After a long, hard winter when many Pilgrims died, the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims learn how to grow food in their new home.

The next year, the Pilgrims harvested food for the first time in America. 53 Pilgrims and 90 Native Americans joined in three days of "thanksgivings" - days of prayer thanking God for their blessings. They celebrated a good harvest and their friendship with a three-day feast.

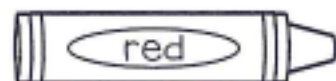
After the first Thanksgiving, many other places had a big feast in late fall or early winter, but not on the same day. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln decided to make Thanksgiving a U.S. holiday. 80 years later, President Franklin D. Roosevelt named the fourth Thursday of each November as the date of Thanksgiving.



Who decided the date of Thanksgiving?



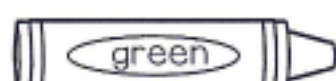
On **which** day is Thanksgiving celebrated?



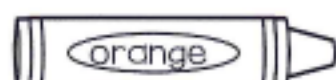
Where was the first Thanksgiving?



Why is Thanksgiving celebrated today?



How many people came to the 1st Thanksgiving?



When was the first Thanksgiving?