

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean Islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the _____ of the harvest of the preceding year. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, and around the same part of the year in other places. Although Thanksgiving has historical _____ in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a _____ holiday as well.

secular

blessing

roots

Pies, turkey and presidential pardoning:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/thanksgiving-day-whats-the-history-of-the-holiday-and-why-does-the-us-celebrate-pilgrim-fathers/>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/thanksgiving-day>

Turkey Pardoning Ceremony

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/16/national-thanksgiving-turkey-pardoning-ceremony>