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Thanksgiving Newsletter



President Harry Truman (ISTJ) receiving a Thanksgiving turkey.

The first Thanksgiving of the newly formed United States of America occurred when General George Washington (**ESFJ**), proclaimed a “Thanksgiving” in December of 1777 as a victory celebration honoring the defeat of the British at Saratoga.

Washington’s first proclamation after his presidential inauguration was to declare November 26, 1789 as a national day of “thanksgiving and prayer”. President John Adams (**INTJ**) made similar thanksgiving declarations in 1798 and 1799 as did President James Madison (**INTP**) in 1815.

During the middle of the Civil War, prompted by a series of articles written by Sarah Josepha Hale (**INFP**), President Abraham Lincoln (**INTJ**) proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November of 1863. Since which time, Thanksgiving has been observed annually in the United States.

Traditionally it was considered inappropriate to advertise goods for Christmas until after Thanksgiving. In 1939, with the country in the midst of The Great Depression President Franklin D. Roosevelt (**ESTP**) reasoned that if given a longer period to sell goods before Christmas merchants could increase profits and spending during this time. In an effort to

help bring the country out of The Great Depression Roosevelt declared that Thanksgiving should be celebrated on the second to the last Thursday of November instead of the last .

Roosevelt's declaration was not mandatory; twenty-three states went along with this recommendation, and 22 did not. Other states, could not decide and took both weeks as government holidays. Roosevelt continued his effort in 1940, to celebrate his "Franksgiving," as it was termed. In 1941 Congress split the difference and established that the Thanksgiving would occur annually on the fourth Thursday of November, which was sometimes the last Thursday and sometimes the next to last.

Thanksgiving Quotes by Famous Personality Types:

George Washington (ESFJ) : *in his first Presidential Proclamation* , "It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor."—October 3, 1789

Samuel Adams (ENTJ) : *father of the American Revolution* , "It is therefore recommended ... to set apart Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise, that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their divine benefactor ..."—November 1, 1777 (adopted by the 13 states as the first official Thanksgiving Proclamation)

Abraham Lincoln (INTJ) : during the Civil War: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown."—1863

Albert Schweitzer (INFP) : "To educate yourself for the feeling of gratitude means to take nothing for granted, but to always seek out and value the kind that will stand behind the action. Nothing that is done for you is a matter of course. Everything originates in a will for the good, which is directed at you. Train yourself never to put off the word or action for the expression of gratitude."

Theodore Roosevelt (ESTP) : "Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds."—1901

John Fitzgerald Kennedy (ESTP) : "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Mark Twain (ENFP) : "Thanksgiving Day, a function which originated in New England two or three centuries ago when those people recognized that they really had something to be thankful for - annually, not oftener - if they had succeeded in exterminating their neighbors, the Indians, during the previous twelve months instead of getting exterminated

by their neighbors, the Indians. Thanksgiving Day became a habit, for the reason that in the course of time, as the years drifted on, it was perceived that the exterminating had ceased to be mutual and was all on the white man's side, consequently on the Lord's side; hence it was proper to thank the Lord for it and extend the usual annual compliments.

Benjamin Franklin (INTP) : *in a letter to his daughter . "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country! The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America.....The turkey] would not hesitate to attack a grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his farm yard with a red coat on." The eagle, he inferred in the letter, would simply flee from foreign troops.*

Ayn Rand (INTJ) : Thanksgiving is a typically American holiday.

Erma Bombeck (ENFJ) : *commenting on the time honored Thanksgiving dinner of turkey ,stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, butternut squash , pumpkin pie, and the like . "Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence."*

****The turkey, not the eagle, was considered important enough to travel on the Apollo mission into outer space .When Neil Armstrong (ESTJ) and Edwin Aldrin (INTP) sat down to eat their first meal on the moon, their foil food packets contained roasted turkey and all the trimmings.*

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