



Thanksgiving Day is the national holiday in the USA

It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. (in Canada, it is the 2nd Monday in October).



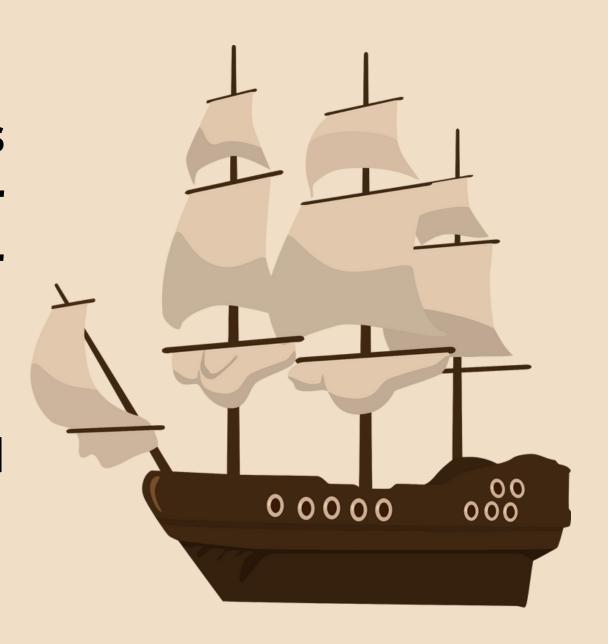
On this day, American people give thanks for the good things in their lives. They celebrate gratitude, share and tobe humble.

One important activity is volunteering.



Everything started in 1620, when Pilgrims (member of the English separatist church) left their country, England, on a ship called the Mayflower because of the religious reasons.

Their trip took 65 days and it was difficult. They landed at a place on the north east coast of America called Plymouth. They were far from their home and life was hard.





However, the Native Americans who lived there, decided to help them: they taught (teach) the Pilgrims how to grow corn and other plants to eat, how to hunt better, how to build their homes,...they gave them medicine to treat their illness,...





So, in 1621, the harvest was very good. The Pilgrims were very thankful and their invited their Native American Friends to a feast.

Nowadays Thanksgiving is still a day to be thankful for family, friends and good things such as health or food.

Families gather around the table and enjoy a traditional dinner of roast turkey with cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie for dessert.

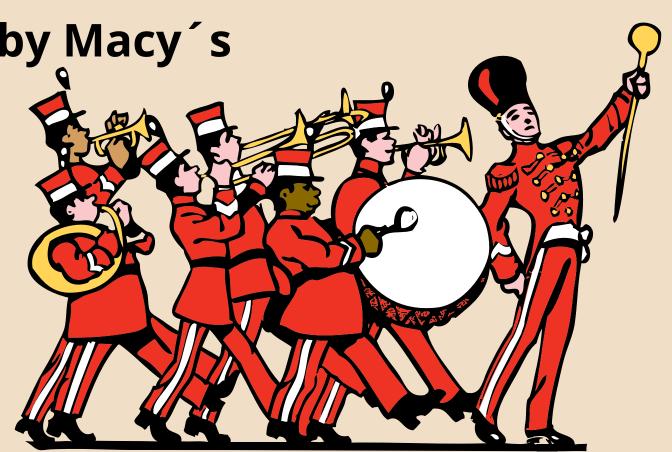


Many American people go to stadium or watch on TV football matches.

On that day, there are also big Parades in many cities.

It is famous that one in Manhatan, presented by Macy's

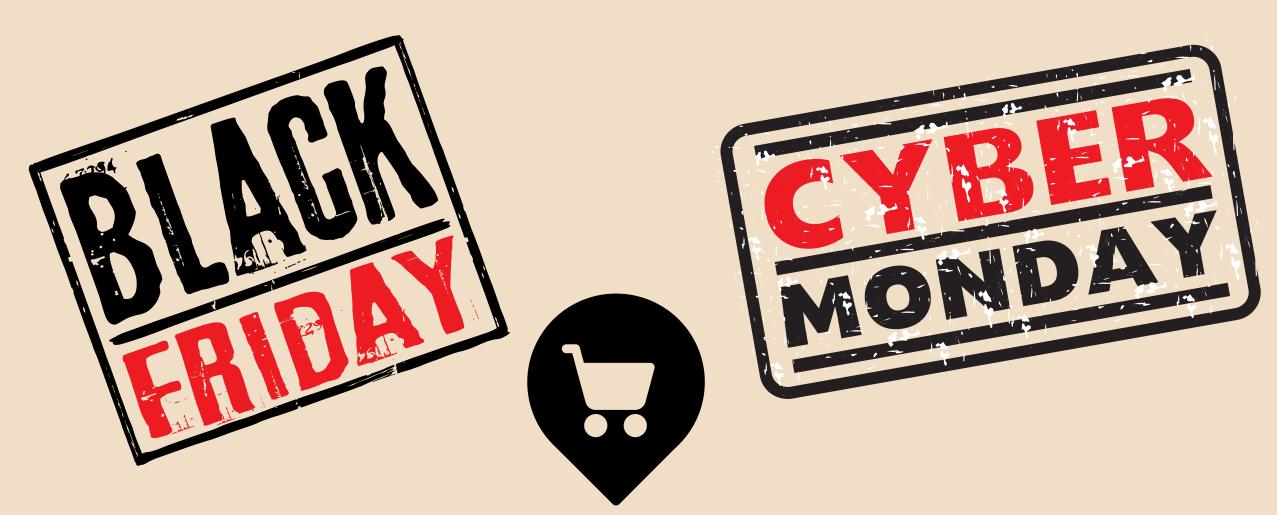
department store in New york.







Thanksgiving's day is the beginning of the Christmas shopping season:Black Friday and Ciber Monday







What are you thankful for? Family, friends, home, water, school,....







