

AMERICAN HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS



INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

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Thanksgiving

- a feast of giving thanks to God
- celebrated on the last Thursday in November
- first celebrated in 1621 by those of the Pilgrim Fathers who survived the hard winter of 1620-1621.
- In 1620 a group of people sailed from England to America.
- There were about 100 people on a ship called Mayflower.
- They were known as Pilgrims, Pilgrim Fathers or Puritans.

- They landed at a place on the northeast coast of America and called it Plymouth.
- The settlers were far from their homes and knew little about their new home.
- The first winter in America was very cold, many of them became ill or died.
- Native Americans (Indians) helped them survive. Showed them how to hunt for food and build new houses.
- In summer settlers gathered an unexpectedly rich harvest and decided to give thanks to the Lord and Indians.

- Nowadays the big family dinner, given on the fourth Thursday in November, is celebrated as it was in early times: roast turkey with dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, milk and coffee.
- Families often invite friends who live alone, or foreign visitors, to join them in their homes.



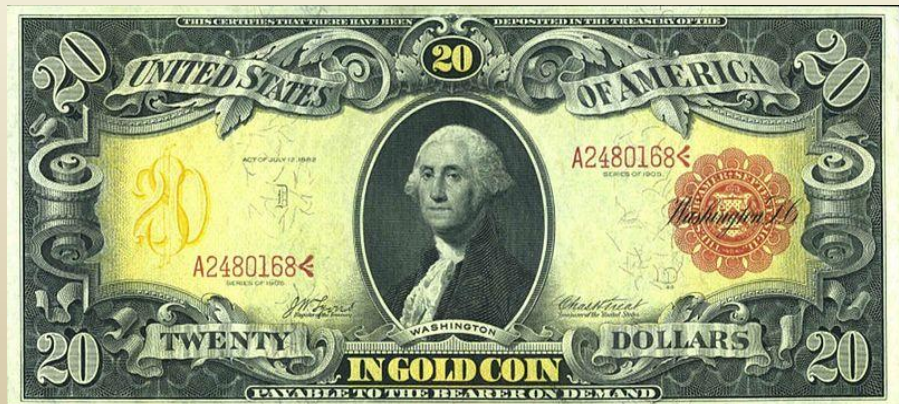
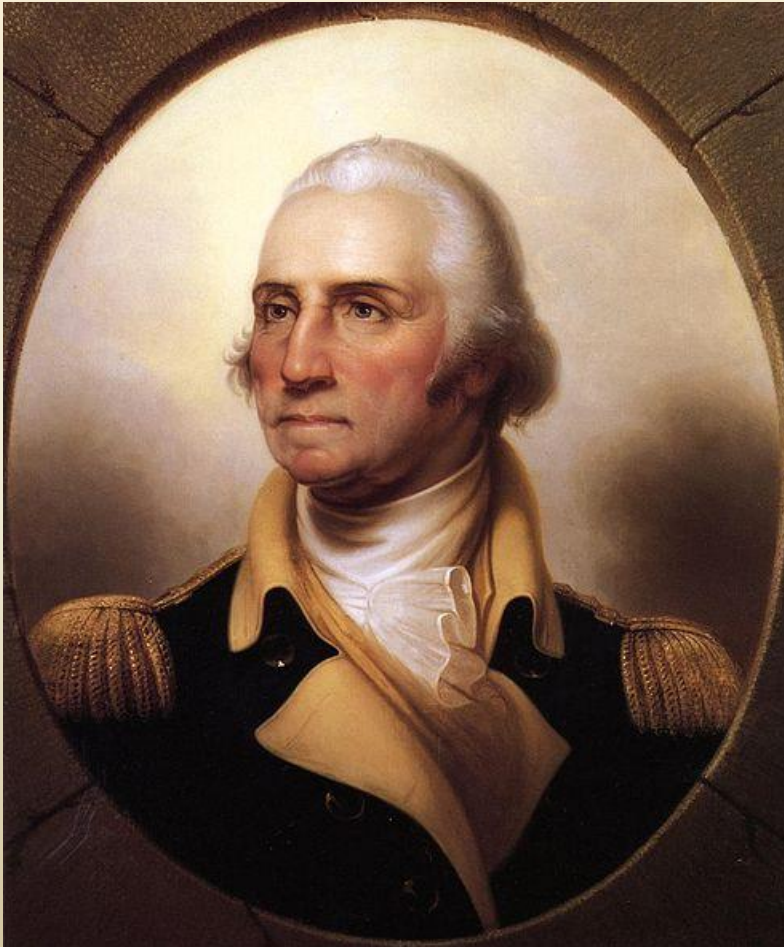
Independence Day

- the greatest national holiday, celebrated on July 4th
- marks the birth of a free and independent United States of America (Declaration of Independence 4th July 1776)
- Each city and town organizes its own ceremony – parades and festivities of all kinds. There are outdoor stage shows, boat races, various funny competitions (three legged races, water-melon eating contests, etc.), folk dancing and lively music everywhere. In the evening there are fireworks to illuminate the skies.



Presidents' Day

- Celebrated on 3rd Monday of February in honour of George Washington, the 1st American president



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