

# Thanksgiving Story Starters

**DIRECTIONS:**

Pick at least five of the vocabulary words listed below and use them in the first paragraph (first five sentences) of your Thanksgiving short story. Feel free to go over five if inspiration strikes!

Acorns	Grandparents	Plymouth
Apple pie	Gratitude	Prayer
Blessings	Holiday	Pumpkin
Casserole	Leaves	Puritans
Centerpiece	Mayflower	Recipe
Colonist	Nap	Roll
Dessert	New World	Seasons
Fall	Pilgrims	Settlers
Family	Plantation	Thanks
Feast	Plate	Voyage

**SAMPLE:**

As I pulled out my grandparents' recipe for acorn pie, I sat on a kitchen stool and gave a quiet word of thanks for all my blessings this year. I wondered, when the settlers came to the New World, did they know they were opening up endless windows of opportunity for the legions of Americans who would follow? With a heart full of wonder, I walked over to the oven and preheated it to 350 degrees.

Right when the oven dinged that it had finished preheating, the doorbell rang...