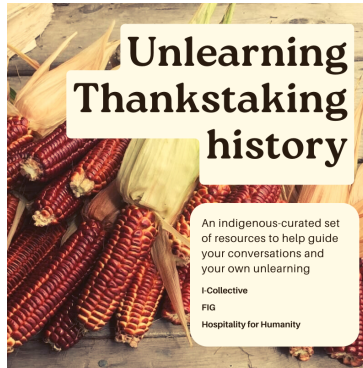


Truthsgiving Resources

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~Unlearning the History of Thankstaking~
Curated by [Nefalí Duran](#) for the [I-Collective](#)



This is a collection of writings and videos to help orient you to the reality of this season and unlearn the white colonizer myths surrounding the November holiday so that you may honor the historical and current struggles for Indigenous sovereignty that are obscured by the dominant narrative.

This fall, Americans celebrating Thanksgiving as a time of family and bounty while the U.S. government funds and supports Israel's genocide in Gaza, escalating violence and land grabs in the West Bank, and repression of Palestinians living within the state, simply feels *wrong*. Indigenous people from the Americas are in solidarity with the people of Palestine because we see our own history and current struggles reflected in their plight. Those of us who work in food systems especially can see direct parallels between the colonial strategies deployed by Israel to subjugate Palestinians, and those we've experienced in the Americas – the calculated destruction and control of our lands, water, crops, and traditional foodways.

Should you decide to celebrate this holiday, we encourage you to use it as an opportunity to educate yourselves and your family about historical and current struggles for Indigenous land and food sovereignty where you live, in Palestine, and around the world. One way you can help to transform the legacy of genocide and land theft of this country is to take action now to end the active genocide in Gaza which the U.S. is supporting. Let's stop repeating this history!

(We stand in solidarity with all the genocides and violence happening around the world in the name of Colonial Imperialism, particularly the Congo and Sudan.)

2023 resources by [I-Collective](#), [FIG](#) and [Hospitality for humanity](#)

[Should America Keep Celebrating Thanksgiving?](#)

[In Our Words: An Indigenous Story of Thanksgiving](#)

[Frybread face and me, Netflix 11/24/23](#)

[Native American playwright Larissa FastHorse takes on the 'wild mess' of Thanksgiving 11/21/23](#)

[8 Historical Moments More Important to Native Americans Than the 'First Thanksgiving' 11/21/23](#)

A new book for kids written by Wampanoag authors: <https://keepunumuk.com>

Take Action, Learn & Connect with the Palestinian struggle

[Hospitality for Humanity](#) : An appeal to food and hospitality community to take action now for Gaza

[Act Now Against these Companies Profiting From Genocide](#): Detailed guide of our targeted consumer boycotts, divestment and pressure campaigns

[Palestine is Getting Free](#): FIG's food and land worker virtual teach-in about building a movement for collective liberation

[A Growing Culture's panel](#): Palestinian food/agricultural and environmental workers

[The Right of Return is Landback](#) : NDN Collective position paper connecting Palestinian and Native struggles and history

[Using Food as Weapon in Palestine](#): Seeding Sovereignty social media resource

[Palestine's Freedom is Connected to Our Own as Americans](#), Studio Atao

[All Out for Palestine: Digital Action Toolkit](#), Palestinian Feminist Collective

[Palestinian Culture](#) : a primer

[People of the land Videos](#): This collection of short films delves into the ways that occupation affects the environment and explores the connection the Palestinian people have to land and nature

[Decolonize Palestine](#): A collection of resources for people who want to learn more about Palestine

[When does a Native become a Settler?](#) A peer reviewed paper that discusses the claim that Zionists are Indigenous to Palestine

[Responding to Zionists and Moderates](#): A helpful document to combat the misinformation/propaganda being spread by the Western media

2022 resources

[Indigenous Chef Keeps Wampanoag Traditions Alive in Her Kitchen, Sept. 29, 2022, Boston Globe](#)

[Sherry Pocknett: What an Indigenous Chef Wants You to Know About Thanksgiving, Nov. 15, 2022, Time Magazine](#)

[Essay: Wampanoag Experience Project highlights Native history in the South Coast area, Sept. 13, 2022, The New Bedford Light](#)

[How some Indigenous chefs observe Thanksgiving – or don't, CNN, Nov. 23, 2022](#)
[Chef Elena Terry: Why I Don't Celebrate Thanksgiving, November 2022, Madison Magazine](#)

[Native Foods Educator Valerie Segrest On Marking Thanksgiving With Respect, Nov. 18, 2022, Seattle Times](#)

[New Artwork Brings 'Living Indigenous Presence' to Harvard Divinity School, Sept. 22, 2022, Harvard News](#)

[Indigenous Peoples Day Gathering Asks for Commitment, Oct. 12, 2022, Vineyard Gazette](#)
[Why The Gold Rush Is One Of The Darkest Moments In US History | Whitewashed, April 2021](#)

[First Nations Bedtime Stories, Storytelling Week, Common Ground, November 2022](#)

[A Gathering Basket, Issue 4, Rematriation Webinar, Oct. 26, 2022, i-Collective](#)

[Indigenous Tribes Hold Boston's First Mishoon Burning In More Than 300 Years, Nov. 3, 2022, Boston Globe](#)

2021 Resources

[Thanksgiving is a year-round practice of giving thanks, NPR, Nov. 24, 2021](#)

[A Thanksgiving History Lesson in a Handful of Corn, Nov. 22, 2021 NYT](#)

[What Thanksgiving Means Today to the Native American Tribe That Fed the Pilgrims, TIME, Nov. 23, 2021](#)

[THIS TRIBE HELPED THE PILGRIMS SURVIVE FOR THEIR FIRST THANKSGIVING. THEY STILL REGRET IT 400 YEARS LATER, Red Power Media](#)

[Truth and the turkey tale, Hulu 2021](#)

[A Wampanoag retelling of Thanksgiving. November 2021, Red Power Media](#)

[Thanksgiving Brainpop jr, November 2020](#)

[A Wampanoag retelling of Thanksgiving](#)

[Epanow story talks by Linda Coombs, 2014](#)

Please watch/listen to this first:

- [Linda Coombs, a member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe, discusses the real history of 'The First Thanksgiving' and the arrival of the Pilgrims and the importance of learning the real history. \(12 minutes\)](#)
- [All My Relations Podcast: Wampanoag scholars Paula Peters and Linda Coombs, who tell us the real story of Thanksgiving, from an Indigenous Perspective \(55 minutes\)](#)
- [Toasted Sisters Podcast: Episode 70, The Thanksgiving Episode \(43 minutes\)](#)

Other important videos of Indigenous Voices:

- [The Origins of Native American Heritage Month | NowThis \(4 minutes\)](#)
- [A Thanksgiving Message From Standing Rock \(5 minutes\)](#)
- [Thanksgiving | Native Americans | One Word | Cut \(2 minutes\)](#)
- [The Harsh Truth About Thanksgiving by Larissa FastHorse | NowThis \(3 minutes\)](#)
- [Native perspectives on Thanksgiving: Dakota MacColl \(Plains Cree/Métis\) and Geena Tsosie \(Diné\) share how they approach the complicated holiday Thanksgiving \(4 minutes\)](#)
- [What does Thanksgiving mean to Native Americans? \(2 minutes\)](#)

- [REUPLOAD:Thanksgiving is a Day of Mourning for Native Americans](#) (2 minutes)
- [How teachers are debunking some of the myths of Thanksgiving: PBS Newshour](#) (8 minutes)

Articles:

- [What you learned about the 'first Thanksgiving' isn't true. Here's the real story.](#) Eryn Dion. USA TODAY. 2020
- [The Invention of Thanksgiving: Massacres, myths, and the making of the great November holiday.](#) Philip Deloria. The New Yorker. 2020.
- [Decolonizing Thanksgiving And Reviving Indigenous Relationships to Food.](#) M Karlos Baca. NDN Collective. 2018.
- [Native American Chefs Gather in New York City to Rewrite Thanksgiving History.](#) Robert Sullivan. Vogue 2017.
- [3 Indigenous Chefs Explain What Thanksgiving Means to Them.](#) Priya Krishna. Healthyish.2019.
- [An Indigenous Chef Examines Her Relationship With Thanksgiving.](#) Zach Johnston. UPROXX. 2018
- [This Thanksgiving, Make These Native Recipes From Indigenous Chefs.](#) Garin Pirnia. Huffington Post. 2020.
- [An Indigenous View Of Thanksgiving.](#) Zach Johnston. UPROXX. 2018
- [THIRTEEN THANKSGIVINGS: And not a pilgrim hat in sight.](#) BY SILVERMOON LAROSE Artwork by Dawn Spears. MOTIF Magazine 2019
- [A Thanksgiving Message from Seven Amazing Native Americans.](#) Project562.
- [Thanksgiving Promotes Whitewashed History, So I Organized Truthsgiving Instead By](#) Sikowis, aka, Christine Nobiss. Bustle 2018.
- [Sean Sherman, The Sioux Chef: 'This Is The Year To Rethink Thanksgiving'.](#) Julie Kendrick. Huffington Post. 2020.
- [The Thanksgiving Myth Gets a Deeper Look This Year.](#) Brett Anderson. NYTimes.2020
- [The Thanksgiving Tale We Tell Is a Harmful Lie. As a Native American, I've Found a Better Way to Celebrate the Holiday.](#) Sean Sherman. Time. 2018
- [Indigenous Chefs On Traditional Cooking And Their Complicated Relationship With Thanksgiving.](#) Lena Abraham. Delish. 2020.
- [400 Years After the 'First Thanksgiving,' the Tribe Who Fed the Pilgrims Continues to Fight for Their Land Amid Another Epidemic.](#) Olivia Waxman. Time
- [Hillel Echo-Hawk: 'If You Take Over A People's Food, You Take Over The People': How this cook uses Native cooking and culture to challenge long-standing beliefs about food.](#)Kai Oliver-Kurtin. Huffington Post. 2020.

Other Resources:

- [Gather. A film released in 2020. NOW on Netflix](#)
We encourage you to stream or rent this movie and watch it with your family. It features members of the Wampanoag tribe, Twila (San Carlos Apache, I-Collective), as well as other Indigenous persons and shows their work to reclaim their spiritual, political and cultural identities through food sovereignty, while battling the trauma of centuries of genocide.

Resources for Children:

(This is a new section to offer age-appropriate resources for our young ones. Please share resources if you have them.)

- [10 New Children's Books by Native American & Indigenous Authors to Read for Native American Heritage Month](#)