



*Thank you*

**America**

LESSON PLAN





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## OVERVIEW

1. **Title:** Thank You America
2. **Purpose:** No nation remains free without first being a good, moral people. Uniting in gratitude brings power to our lives. *"...we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here rightly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that this government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from this earth."* -Abraham Lincoln
3. **Objectives:** Students will value and practice gratitude in their lives which will increase their self-esteem and happiness in living.
4. **Duration:** up to 2 hours or more depending of projects and assessments.
5. **Grade:** K-6.
6. **Content Area & Core Standards:** Social Studies, Language Arts.
7. **Resources / Materials needed:** "Thank You Sarah" by Laurie Anderson (optional), strong magnet and paper clips (optional), copies and supplies for writing exercises.
8. **Vocabulary:** united, gratitude, divided, seceded, abolished, slavery.
9. **Differentiation:** cooperative learning with writing, reading and social studies.
10. **Motivation/Anticipatory Set:** Comic Book Heroes.
11. **Assessment/Rubric:** teamwork skills in activities, worksheets and art projects.
12. **Preparation:** you may choose to prepare a personal thank you for each student in your class, sharing your appreciation for what they add to your classroom.





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## BOOK DESCRIPTION

Have you ever wondered where the tradition of the American Thanksgiving began? This lesson is focused on the power of the written word. Sarah Hales' letters and President Lincoln's pivotal speeches and proclamations in the year 1863 teach students that in the midst of American tragedy, having an attitude of gratitude united our nation. Teaching gratitude with resources and stories from American history will unite your classroom and inspire them to become superheroes of giving thanks.





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## We love superheroes!



Who are some of your favorite superheroes?



Captain America



Batman



Incredibles



Spiderman



Super Why



Super Man



Wonder Woman

See  
pages  
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Thor



Super Heros

**SHOW** students images of superheroes.









































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**YOU** can read about them in comic books. As a class read **the following comic:** . . . . .



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**What qualifications do you need to be a superhero?**

*(Superpower, cape, spandex, courageous, strong, save people etc.)*



**Can you be a superhero without the costume?**

*(Yes.)*



**What would qualify **YOU** to be a superhero?**

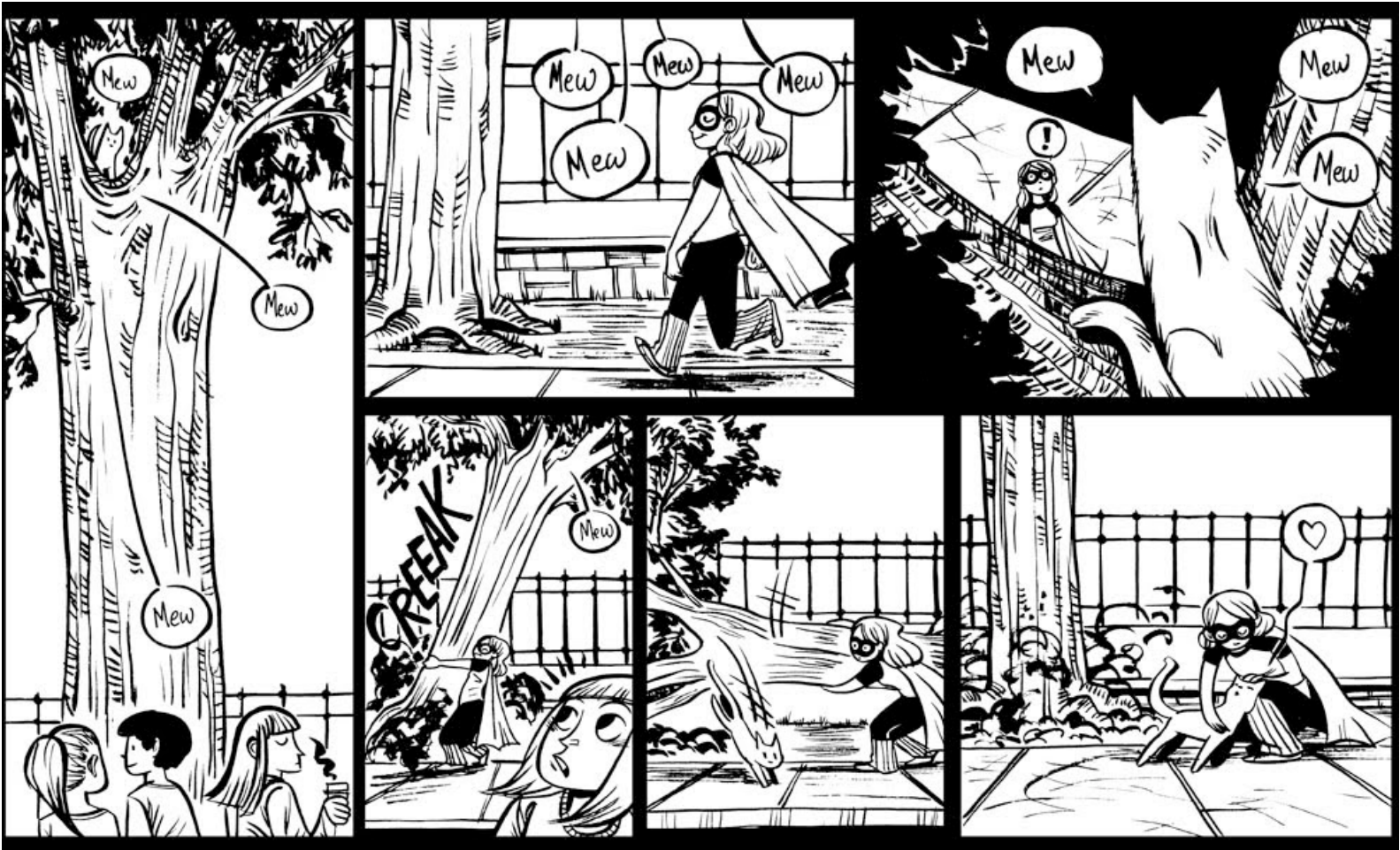
*(Hard work, never give up, helper, etc.)*

**THERE** once was a **very powerful** “real life” superhero in **America**. **YOU** may think her super power was **laser vision** or even **flying**, but she didn’t have webs that shot out of her wrists or a indestructible hammer like Thor. **HER** special power **came through her pen!**

Thats right, her pen, the tool you write with each day.







# Superhero Girl



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How can a **pen** have superpowers?

A **WISE** saying by **Edward Bulwer-Lytton** says,

“the pen is mightier than the sword”.



How could the pen be **mightier or stronger** than the sword?

*Discuss as a class:*

A **SWORD** can **physically injure** or even kill a person, wars will end, **but** the **WORDS** written with a pen **are more powerful** because they **never die**,

**Words**  
*written with the pen*

- they can *inspire* millions of people
- they can *hurt* a person
- they can *change* minds and hearts
- they can be a *powerful* weapon

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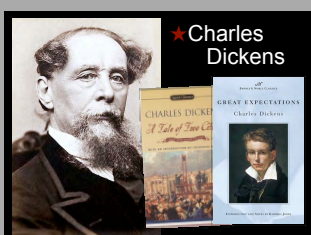
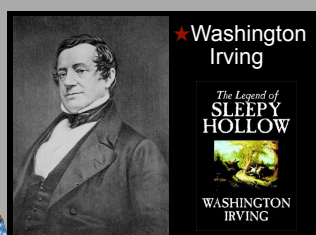
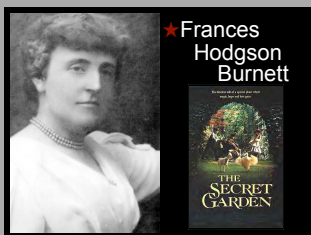
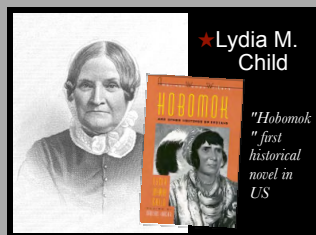
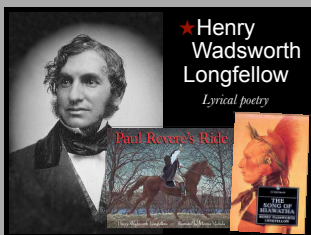
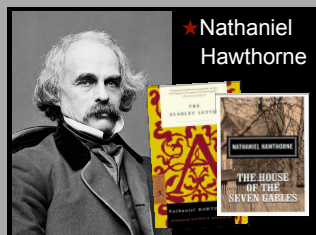
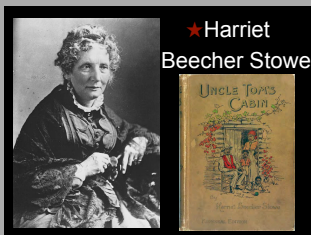
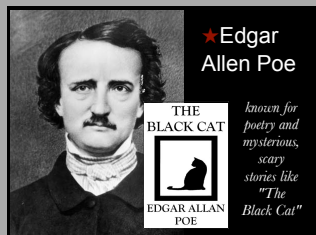
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**THIS** superhero wrote “Mary Had A Little Lamb,”  
**one of the most famous** nursery rhymes in America.

**SHE** was the **first ladies magazine editor** in **America** and  
used this position to publish many of the **greatest writers** in  
America’s History like:



★ Edgar Allen Poe

★ Harriet Beecher Stow

★ Nathaniel Hawthorne

★ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

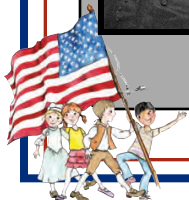
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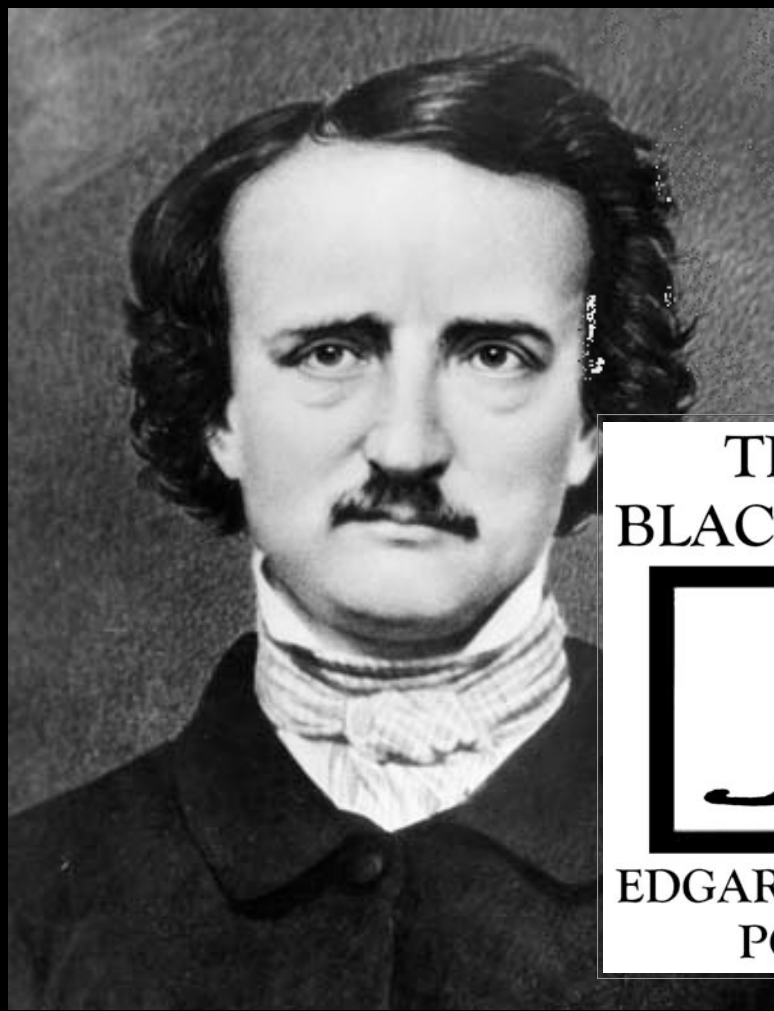
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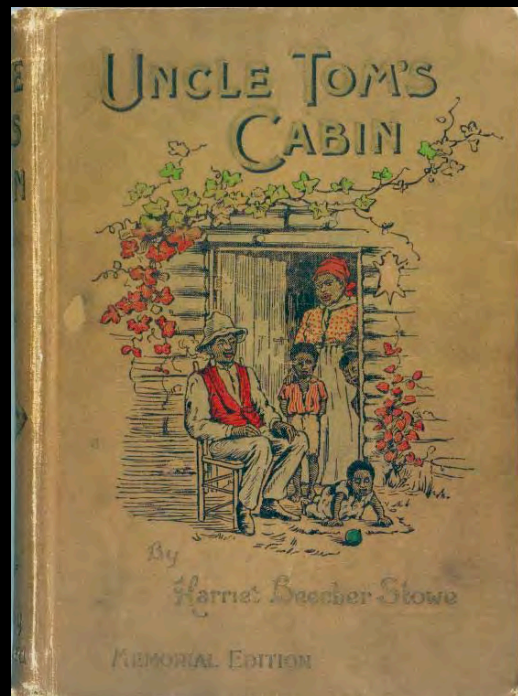
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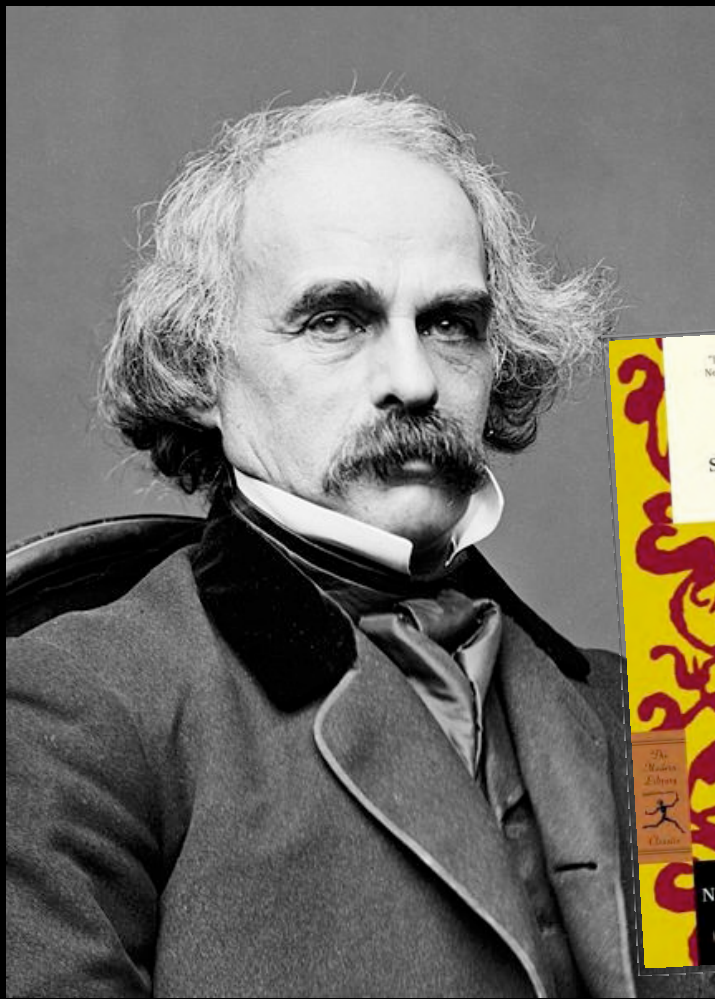
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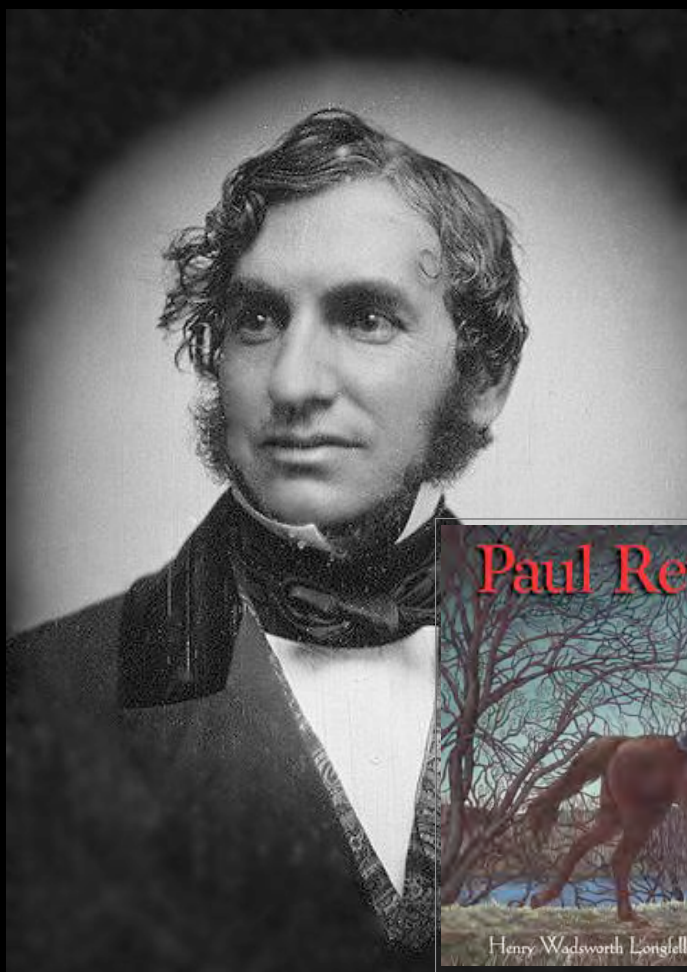
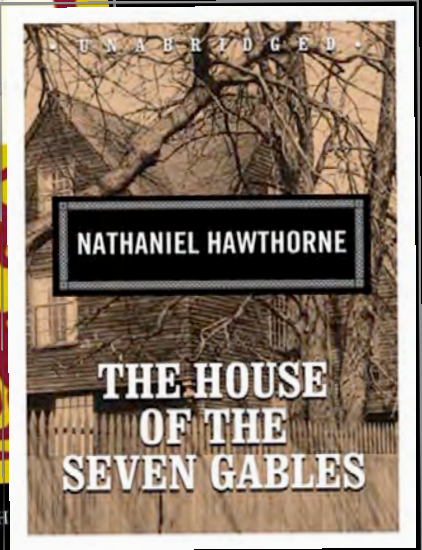
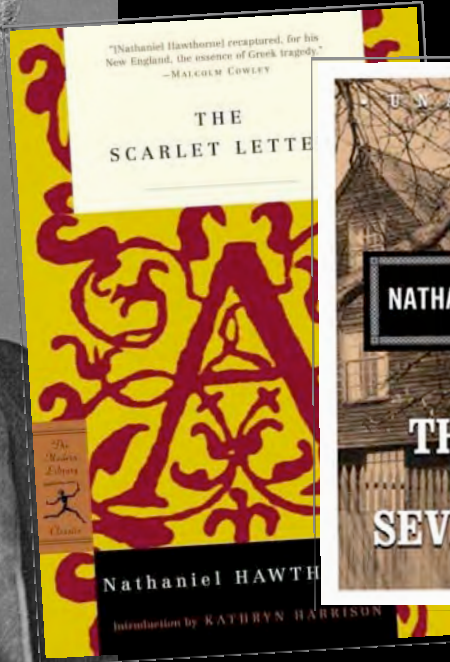
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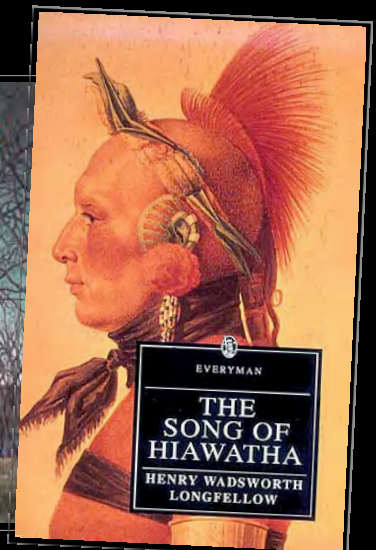


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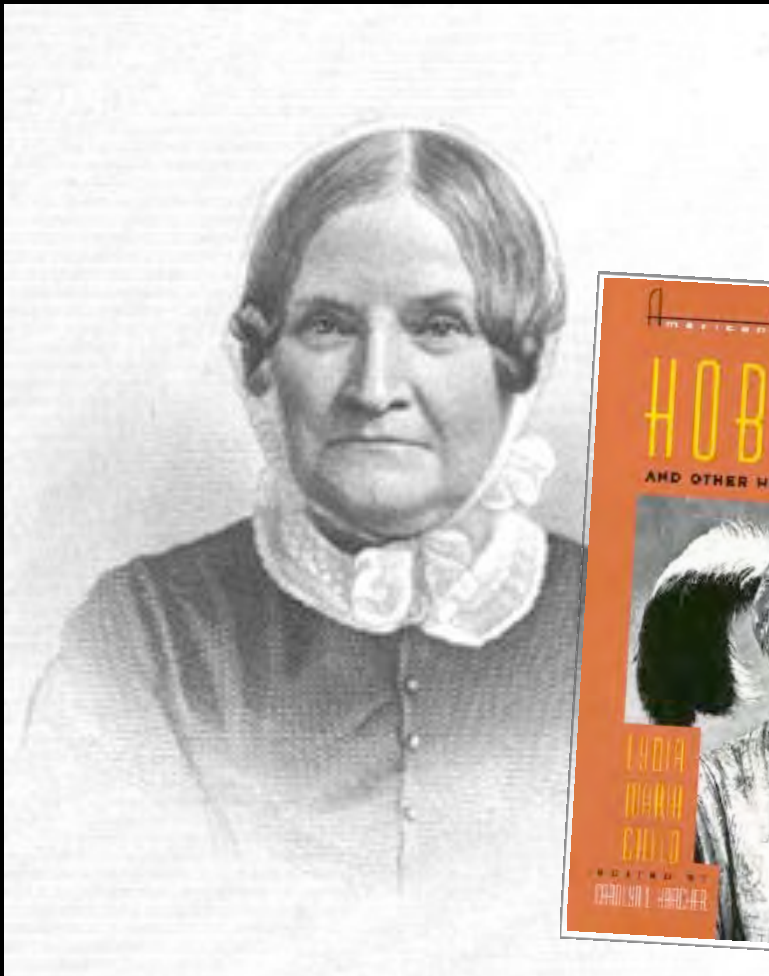


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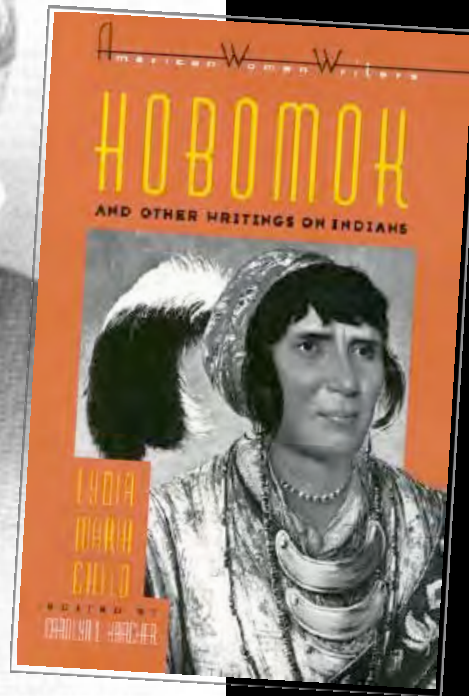
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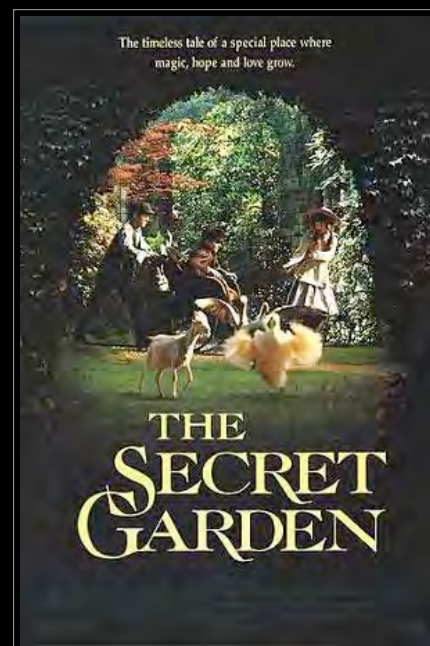
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*"Hobomok"  
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novel in  
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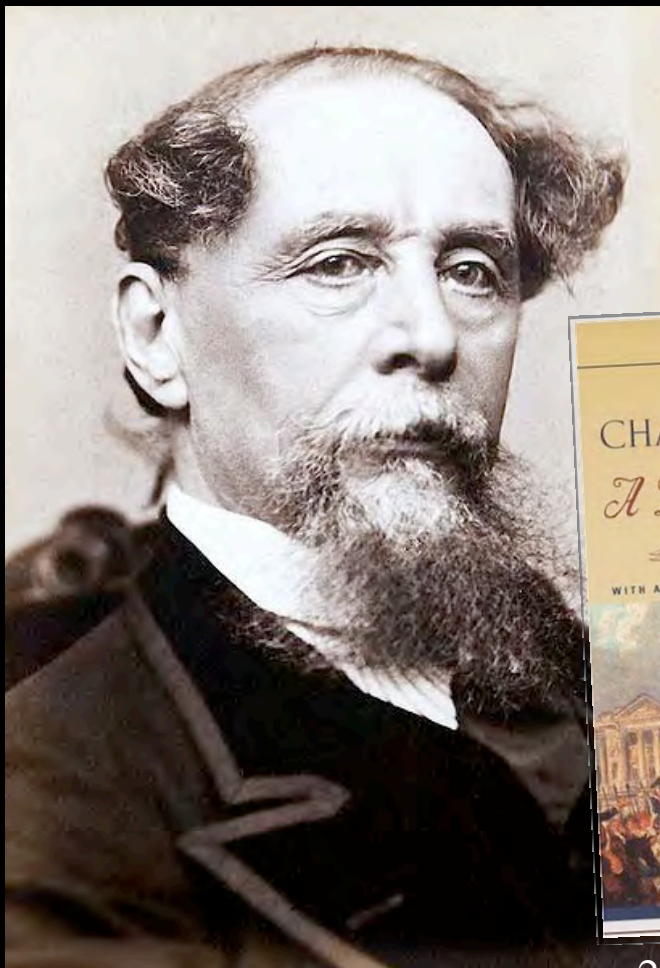
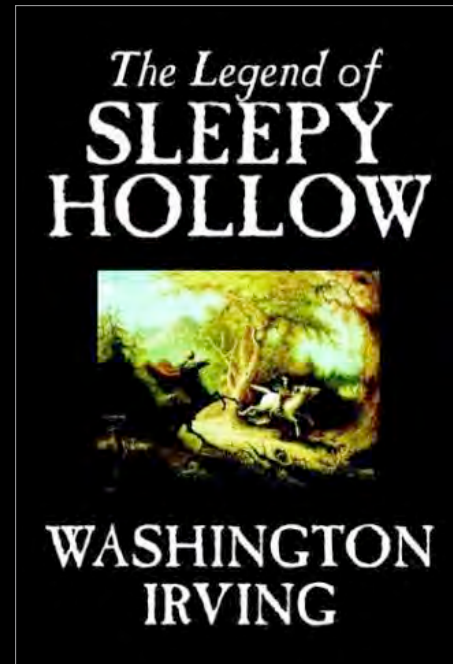
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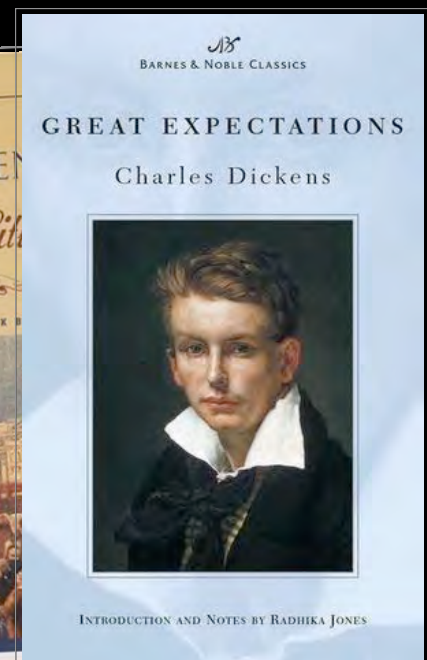
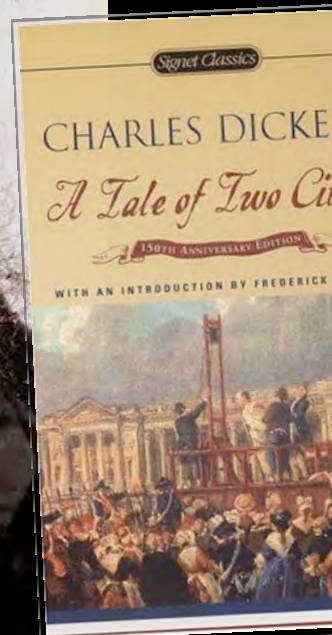




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What did Sarah Hale save with her **pen** and the **super words** she wrote?

Thanksgiving!



How did she save **Thanksgiving**?

For **38 years** she **encouraged** our country to **unite** on a **yearly day of thanks** by *writing* **magazine articles** and **thousands of letters** to...

*Governor's and Presidents*

throughout the **history of the United States**. **38** years is a **long time** to write letters. **SHE** wrote **three different Presidents** about her desire to have an *American Thanksgiving* and was told **NO** three times!



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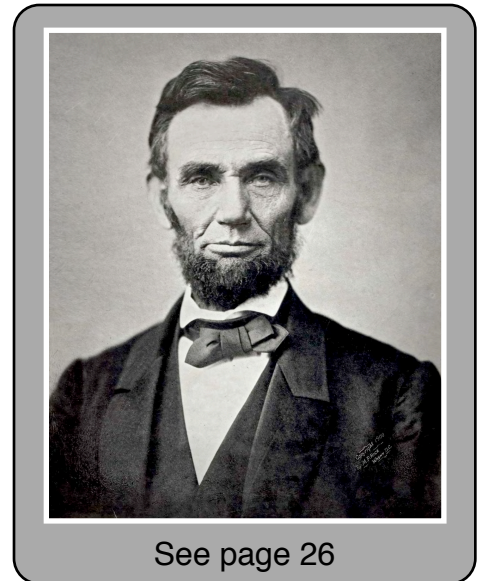


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**SHE** did not give up. **WHEN** America **needed Thanksgiving** **the most Sarah Hale** kept writing. **OUR** country **was at war**, the northern states were fighting the southern states, it was a **sad time** **in American history**. **SARAH** wrote a letter to the President,

## Abraham Lincoln

**convincing him** of our country's need to **unite in Thanksgiving**. **HE** agreed with Mrs. Hale and **proclaimed a National Thanksgiving** would be **celebrated...**

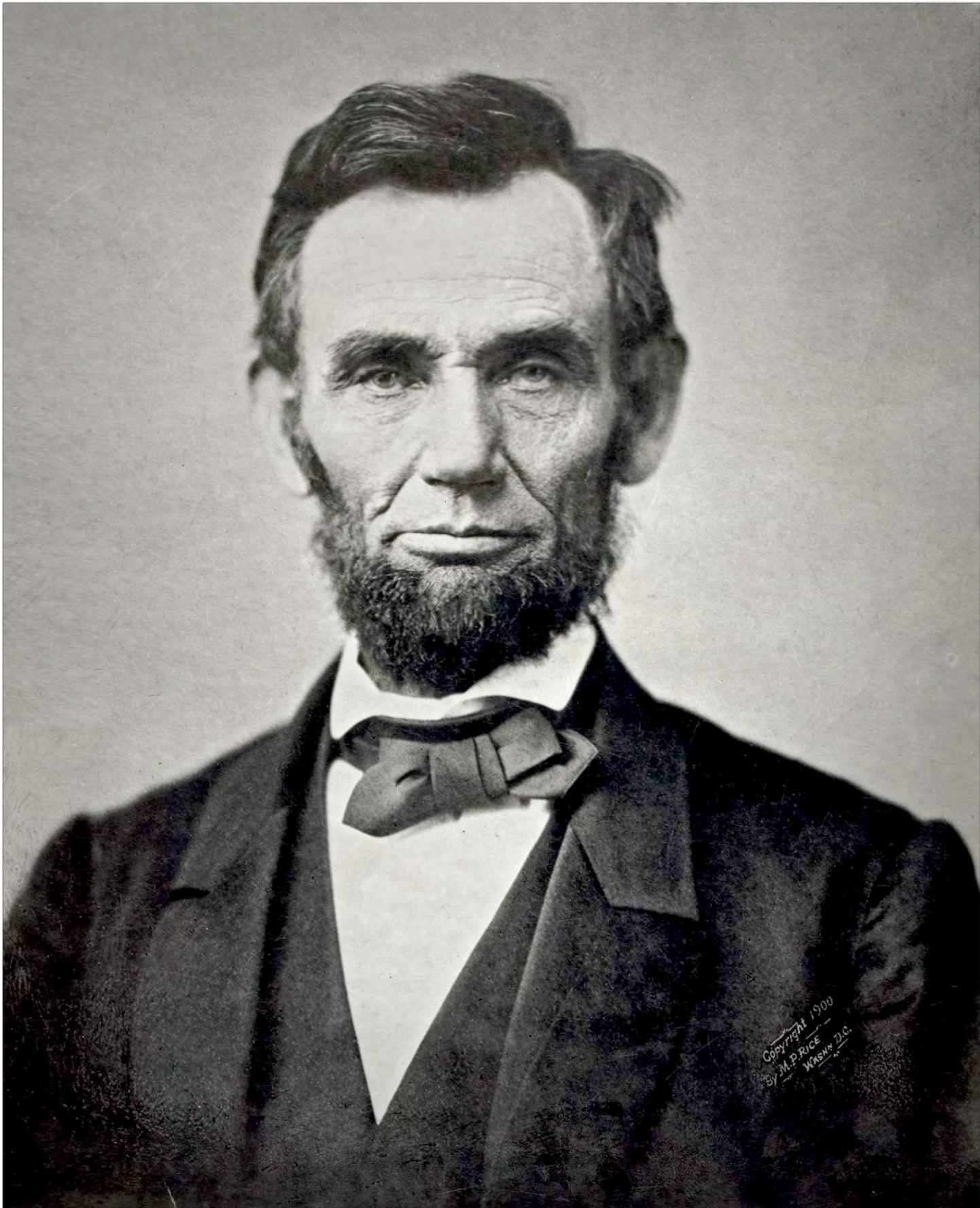


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# the 4th Thursday of every November.







Abraham Lincoln



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# Sarah Josepha Hale

**CHOOSE** one or all of the following ways to tell the **story of Sarah Hale** and **Thanksgiving**:

## Read



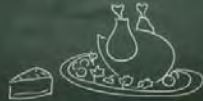
**Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving**  
Laurie Halse Anderson  
(Author) Matt Faulkner  
(Illustrator)

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## Watch



The story  
of the  
First Thanksgiving



**History of Thanksgiving (3:15)**

It was not until the 1860s that Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday of November to be a national holiday.

**Thanksgiving Becomes a Holiday (2:01)**

Sarah Josepha Hale's crusade for a national day of thanks is what ultimately gave us Thanksgiving.



**Bet You Didn't Know: Thanksgiving (2:38)**

Find out which traditional recipes weren't served at the first Thanksgiving celebration.





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# Did you know?

The first thanksgiving was held in 1621 by the Pilgrims and Indians but wasn't made a national, annual law until 1863. You can learn more about the very first Thanksgiving by touching

HERE.



**SARAH** wrote in her **letters and magazine articles,**

*“There is a deep moral influence in these periodical seasons of rejoicing, in which whole communities participate. They bring out...the best sympathies in our natures.....If every state would join in Union Thanksgiving on the 24th of this month, would it not be a renewed pledge of love and loyalty to the Constitution of the United States?”*

**SARAH** thought Thanksgiving would help **heal our country,** she believed it would **unite** us with the power of

# Gratitude.



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What does it mean to have an **attitude of gratitude**?

## Vocabulary Words

**United:** coming together for a common purpose.

*We **unite** in gratitude for Thanksgiving.*

**Gratitude:** being thankful, showing how much you enjoy something by always returning kindness.

*The happiest people have an attitude of **gratitude**.*

**DIVIDE** class into **small groups** of 3 or 4 take a

Brain Break of Thanks:

## Note:

Thankful people express appreciation in many ways. When they say thank you or compliment others they make eye contact and speak clearly and confidently.





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**IN** small groups **say the following alliteration phrase** increasing your speed each time you say it!

A thousand twiddling thumbs waited for thanksgiving dinner while they thought about thirty thirsty turkeys.



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**NOW** that your **tongue is warmed up**, you may **warm up your heart** by expressing *thanks* and

*appreciation* to your **group**

**members.** **ONE** at a time make **eye contact with your teammate** and show your **attitude of gratitude!**

Touch **HERE** for black and white printable images above.

## Some examples may be:

- ★ Thank you for helping me with my reading.
- ★ Thanks for always saying hi to me.
- ★ I like your hair.
- ★ You are great at math!
- ★ Thanks for letting me eat lunch with you.



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# Emancipation Proclamation

IN 1863 America was **divided**.

## Vocabulary Word

**divided:** separated into two parts, the North (Union) and South (Confederate)

*The United States were **divided** in 1861.*

We were at war  
with ourselves.

**1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline**

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**Emancipation Proclamation  
Jan. 1, 1863**



January 1863

**1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline**

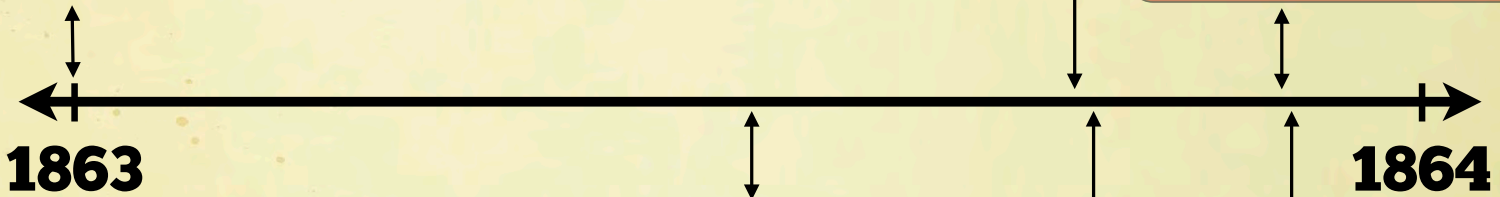


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By the President of the United States of America:  
A Proclamation.

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following words:

That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to support such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be in good faith, represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States.

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander in Chief, of the Army and Navy, of the United States, in time of actual armed rebellion against authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, proclaim for the full period of one hundred days, from the day first abovesaid, <sup>publishing</sup> terms, orders and designate

as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof, respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to-wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemine, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the City of New Orleans) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomack, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Anne, and Norfolk, where the City of Norfolk is situated; and which excepted parts are, for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities, thereupon recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

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And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self defence; and I recommend to them that in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the consideration and judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the

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L. D. Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

Abraham Lincoln

By the President;  
William H. Howard  
Secretary of State.

Photograph copy of President Abraham Lincoln's draft of the final Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863. Original destroyed in the Chicago fire of 1871.

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**ABRAHAM LINCOLN** was the **President of the United States of America**. **HE saved** the *Declaration of Independence*, when he helped American's remember that:

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

**THERE** were **4-million** slaves in **America**.

**WHEN** President Lincoln **wrote** the **Emancipation Proclamation** it became the beginning of the end of **slavery**.

February 1863

**1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline**

March 1863





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**AMERICAN'S** in the **Southern States** owned millions of slaves. **ABRAHAM LINCOLN** was *against slavery* and as President **he desired to free all men.** **HE** believed the Declaration of Independence and Constitution **protected** the **freedoms of all people.** **THE** Southern States *did not want* to **free their slaves** so they began **seceding** from the union.

## Vocabulary Words

**Seceded:** leaving the government.

*War for America approached as the Southern States **seceded** from the union.*

**Abolished:** to end a system or practice.

**Slavery:** being owned by another person, using human beings as property.

*Slavery was **abolished** with the Emancipation Proclamation.*

April 1863

**1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline**

May 1863



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### Did you know?

The Civil War began at Fort Sumpter on April 12, 1861. The southern states of South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina seceded from the United States because they supported slavery.

### PRESIDENT LINCOLN

became a **superhero**



on **Jan. 1, 1863** when he

**wrote** the *Emancipation Proclamation* to America.

**HIS** super words gave the **United States a purpose** to fighting the **Civil War.** **HE** wrote in the **proclamation:**

*“I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are, and henceforward shall be, free.”*

**1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline**

June 1863





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# Battle of Gettysburg

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*Battle of Gettysburg*



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Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was the **battleground** for the **most famous battle** of the *Civil War*. **THERE**

were over **51,000** **dead, wounded, or captured** from both the **Union** and **Confederate** armies combined. **THIS** tragedy would later be **honored by the words** of **President Lincoln** in the

*Gettysburg Address.*

**Battle of Gettysburg**  
**July 1-3, 1863**

July 1863

**1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline**

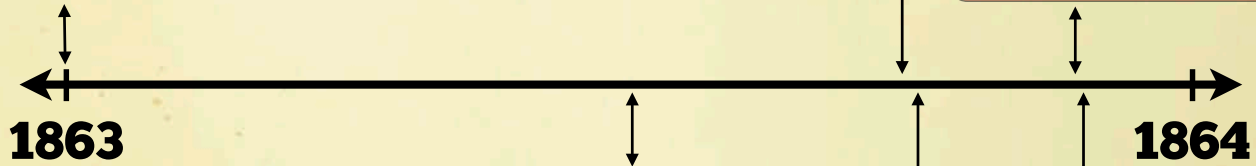
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## *Battle of Gettysburg*





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# Sarah writes her letter

SARAH HALE writes her letter to

# President Lincoln

entreating him to *declare* a

# National day of Thanksgiving.

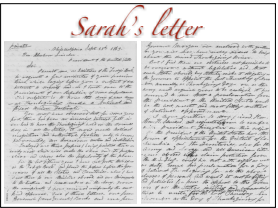
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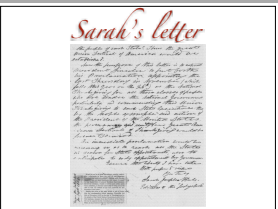
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*Sarah's letter*



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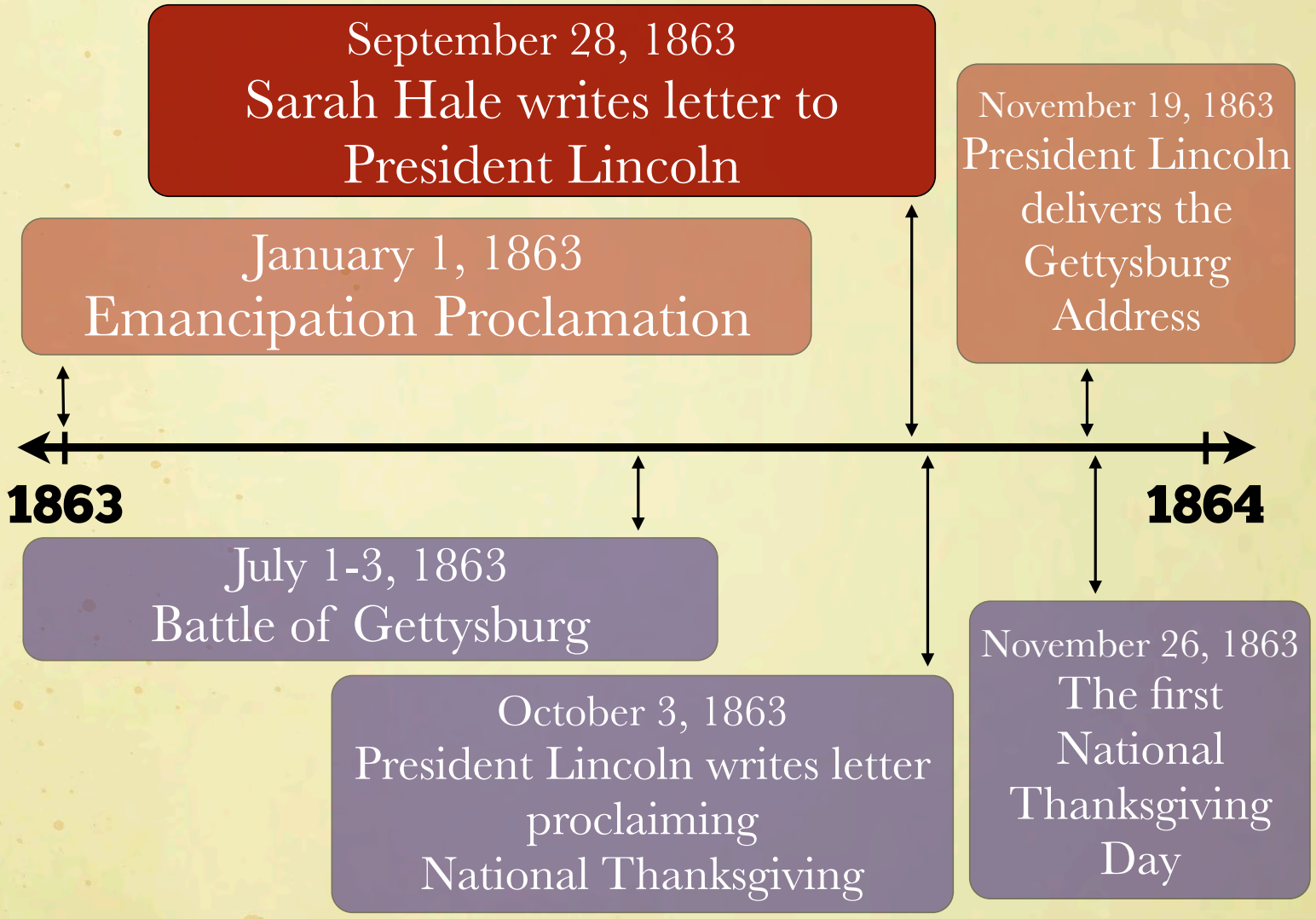


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# 1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline







Sarah Hale

# Sarah's letter

Private

Philadelphia Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Hon. Abraham Lincoln -

President of the United States

Sir -

Permit me, as Editor of the "Lodge's Book", to request a few moments of your precious time, while laying before you a subject of deep interest to myself and - as I trust - even to the President of our Republic, of some importance. This subject is to have the day of our annual Thanksgiving made a National and Perpetual Union Festival.

You may have observed that, for some years past, there has been an increasing interest felt in our land to have the Thanksgiving held on the same day in all the States; it now needs National recognition and authoritative fixation only to become permanently, an American custom and institution.

Enclosed are three papers being printed these on early next week which will make the idea and its progress clear and show also the popularity of the plan.

For the last fifteen years I have set forth this idea in the "Lodge's Book" and placed the paper before the Governors of all the States and Territories - also I have sent them to our Ministers abroad, and our Ministers to the brethren and commanders in the Army. From the responses I have received uniformly the most kind approval. Two of these letters one from Governor (now General) Banks and one from

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But I find there are obstacles not possible to be overcome without legislative aid - that each State should, by Statute, make it obligatory on the Governor to appoint the last Thursday of November, annually, as Thanksgiving Day - or, as this way would require years to be realized, it has occurred to me that a proclamation from the President of the United States would be the best, wisest and most fitting method of National appointment.

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# Sarah's letter

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An immediate proclamation would be necessary so as to reach all the States in season for State appointments, also to anticipate the early appointments by Governors.

Excuse the liberty I have taken.

With profound respect  
Yours truly

Sarah Josepha Hale,  
Editor of the "Lodge's Book"

Would it not be of great advantage, socially, nationally, religiously, to have the day of our American Thanksgiving perpetually united? Pivoting upon the anniversary and good landmarks that might be agreed by our single State or Federal Territory that should be chosen for our day, would it not be more difficult, more truly American, to become nationally united in our offer to God our tribute of joy and gratitude for the blessing of the year?

Shall this view of the matter, would it not be better that the proclamation which appoints Thursday the 26th of November (which is the day of Thanksgiving for the people of the United States of America) should, in the first instance, emanate from the President of the Republic to be applied by the Governors of each and every State, in accordance with the chief executive officer?



# Sarah's letter

Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress. Transcribed and Annotated by the Lincoln Studies Center, Knox College. Galesburg, Illinois.

Sarah J. Hale to Abraham Lincoln, Monday, September 28, 1863  
(Thanksgiving)

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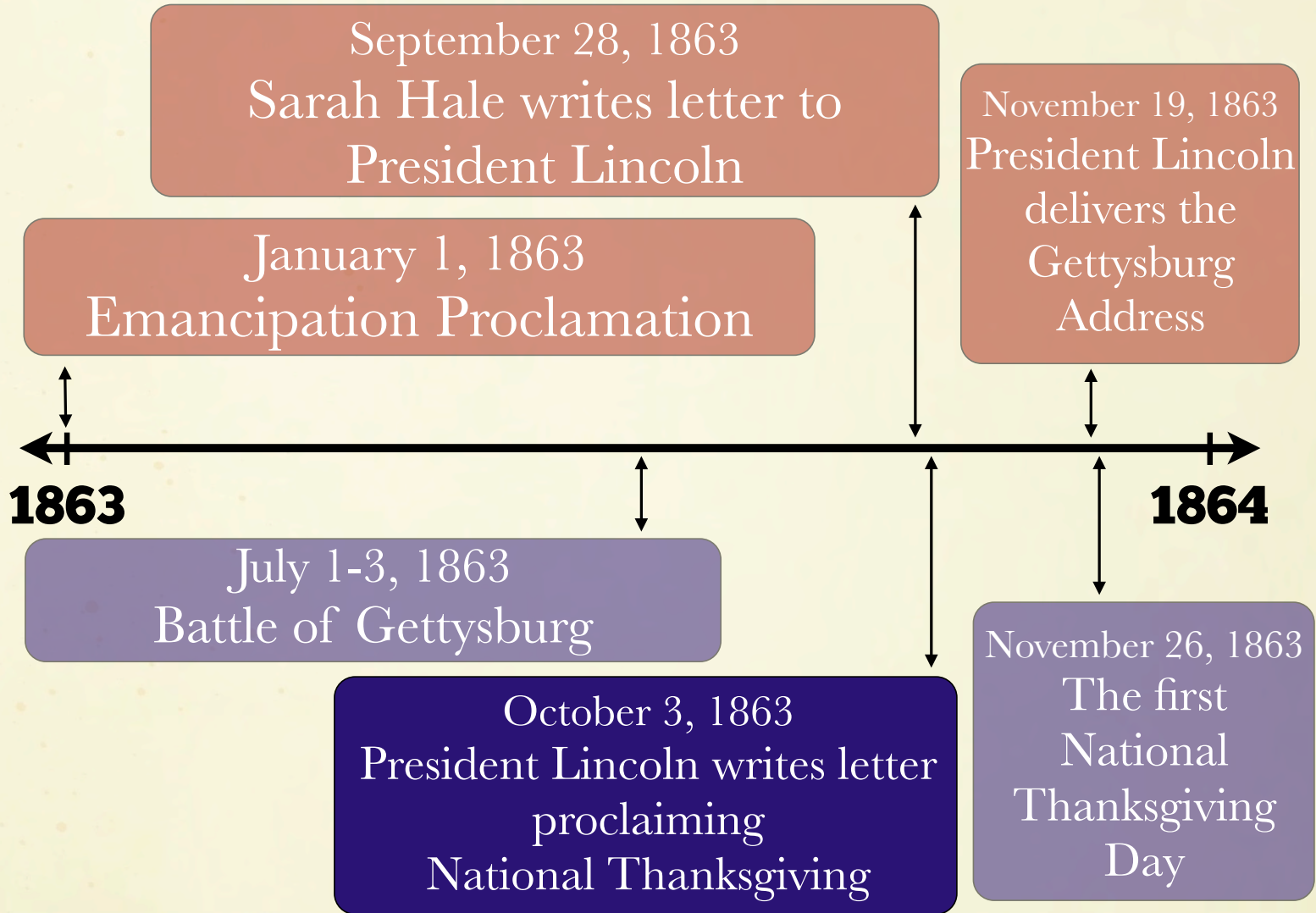
Sarah Josepha Hale,

Editress of the "Ladys Book"





# 1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline



# Lincoln Thanksgiving proclamation letter

By the President of the United States of America.

## A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflicts; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Useful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the

shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased; notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up

# Lincoln Thanksgiving proclamation letter

the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

Abraham Lincoln

By the President:

William H. Seward

Secretary of State.

77th CONGRESS  
1st Session

H. J. RES. 41

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Making the last Thursday in November a legal holiday.

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That the last Thursday of November in each year after the
- 4 year 1941 be known as Thanksgiving Day, and is hereby
- 5 made a legal public holiday to all intents and purposes and
- 6 in the same manner as the 1st day of January, the 22d day
- 7 of February, the 30th day of May, the 4th day of July, the
- 8 first Monday of September, the 11th day of November, and
- 9 Christmas Day are now made by law public holidays.

Passed the House of Representatives October 6, 1941.

Attest:

Clerk.



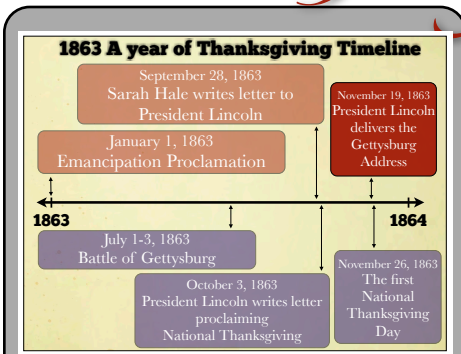
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LESSON PLAN

# Gettysburg Address



**PRESIDENT** Abraham Lincoln

*delivers* the **Gettysburg Address**.

Listen and interact with this historic speech **HERE**.

## Gettysburg Address

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that this government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from this earth."

**ENCOURAGE** students to

**memorize part** of the *Gettysburg*

*Address*. **USE** the following

**picture memory** to **help students** memorize words.

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**November 19, 1863**

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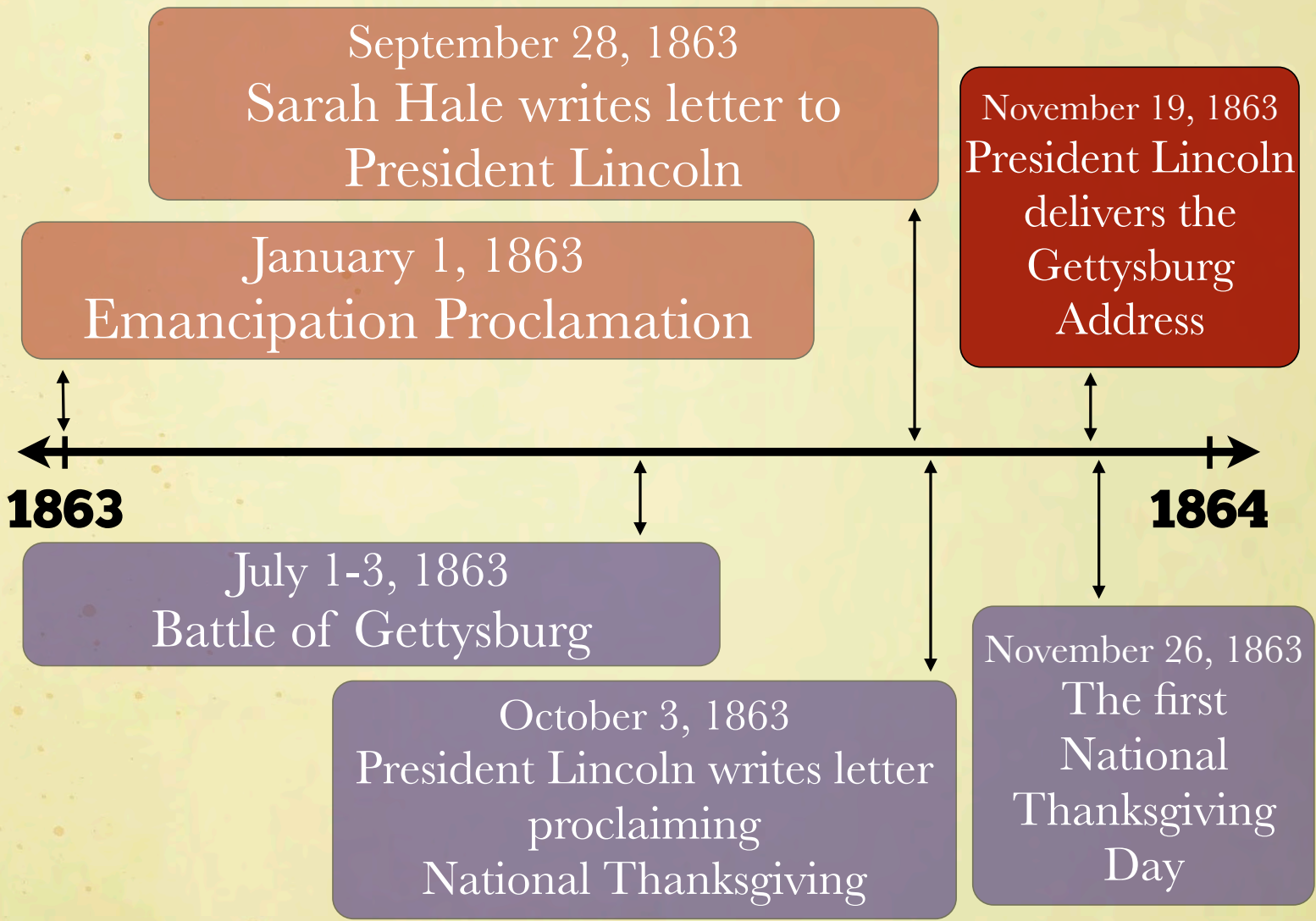
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# *Gettysburg Address*

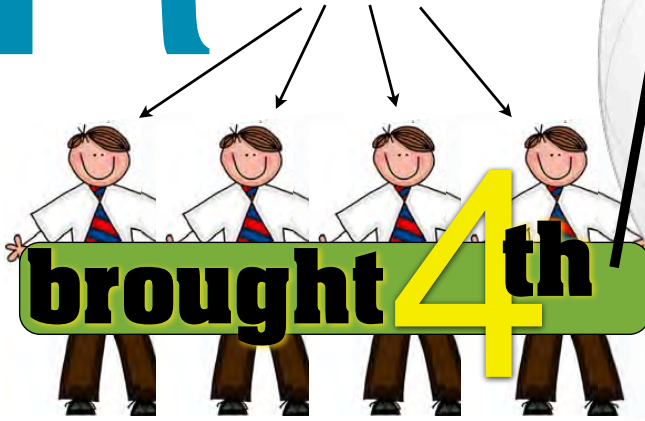
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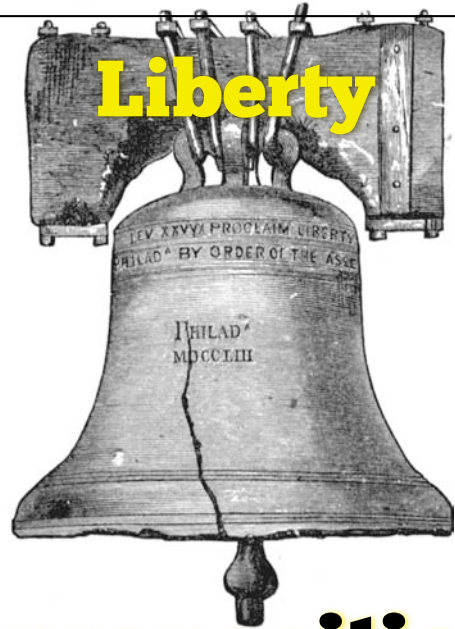
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# Thank you America

## LESSON PLAN

**WHEN** President Lincoln said,

*“we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion;”*

...he was **talking about** the **Union** devoting themselves to *abolishing* **slavery** and **honoring freedom**, *remembering* the **soldiers** who gave their lives for the **freedom of all Americans.**



**How can we increase our devotion to the Americans that protect our freedom?**

*(Write them a thank you card, honor them by obeying the laws of the land, be respectful to our flag, etc.)*

**SARAH HALE** was devoted to **helping America** say **thank YOU** and recognize the **blessings of America.**

**1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline**



# Thank you America

LESSON PLAN

## First National Thanksgiving



How can we **increase** our devotion to **gratitude**?

*(Say please and thank you, look for ways to do good, return kindness, give kindness, etc.)*

**THE** first **National Thanksgiving Day.**

**THE** tradition of **Thanksgiving began** with **2** superheroes, Sarah Hale and Abraham Lincoln. **THEY** saved our **country** with the

**mighty pen!**

**First National Thanksgiving**  
**November 26, 1863**



December 1863

**1863 A year of Thanksgiving Timeline**





Thank you

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## LESSON PLAN

**DESPITE** America's anguish over her war, **President Lincoln, Sarah and their countrymen** remembered **to be grateful.**



**Do you think American's had a difficult time giving thanks when they were in the middle of a war and tragedy?**

**SARAH** understood that an *attitude of gratitude* is **most important** when life seems scary, sad, or hard. **SHE** knew that

**giving thanks** was what we needed to **“renew our pledge of love and loyalty to the Constitution.”**



**How can you renew your love for our country at Thanksgiving?**

*Discuss ideas with class,*

**TALK** about what they learned and felt when they heard the stories of the **civil war, their gratitude for our freedoms.**

# THANK

- ★ a veteran
- ★ a neighbor
- ★ a friend
- ★ an American

for loving our country  
and obeying our laws.



Thank you

AMERICA



LESSON PLAN



How do you celebrate **Thanksgiving in your family?**

**LET** students **share favorite traditions** and experiences.



## Science Trick

Show image of magnetized paper clips or show science trick to class and allow students to try. **Saying and showing thanks can be as powerful as a magnet.**

**Click [HERE](#) to view science trick website.**

**IT** unites our classroom, families and communities when **we live in gratitude.**

Lets all become **superheroes**  
of **thanks** today!





Thank you

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ASSESSMENT

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# Design your own Comic Strip

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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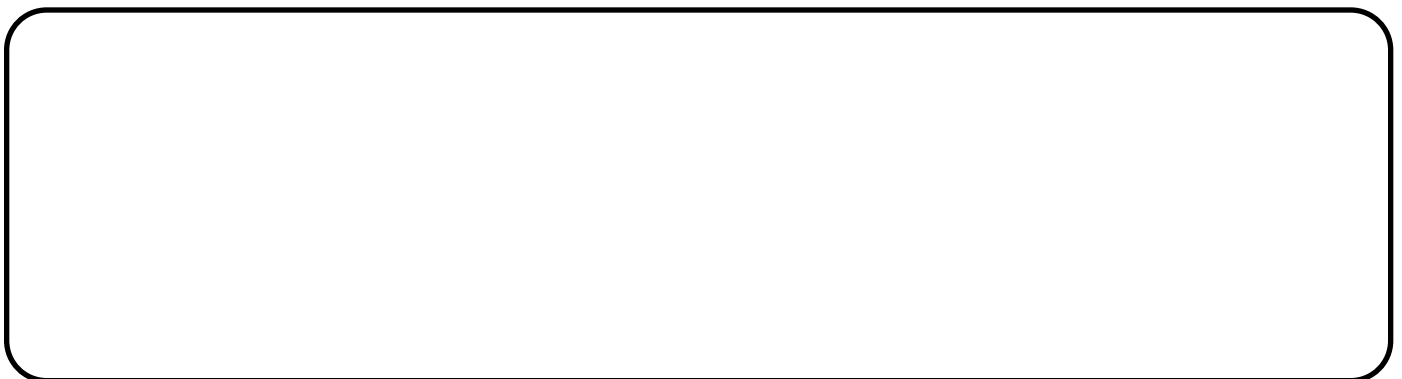
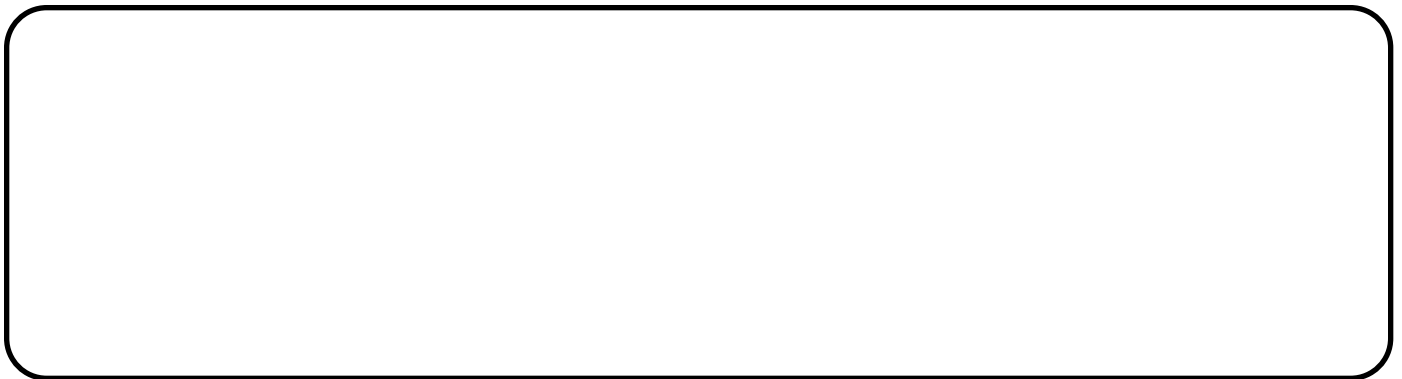
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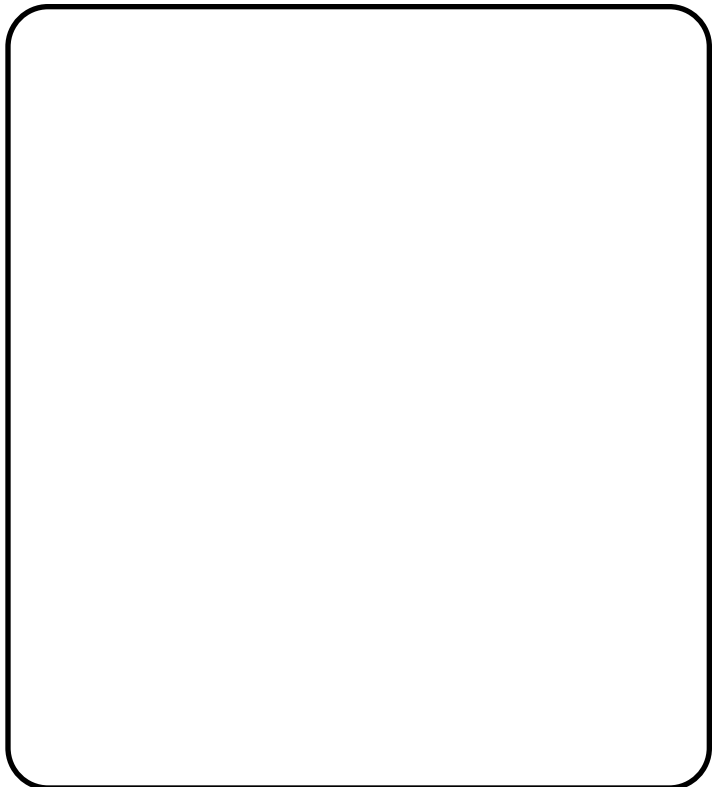
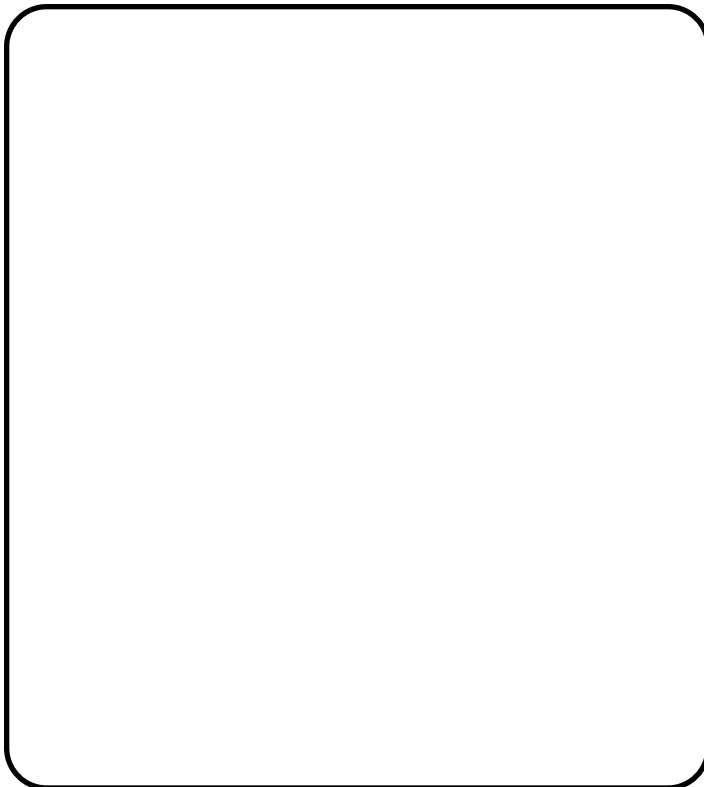
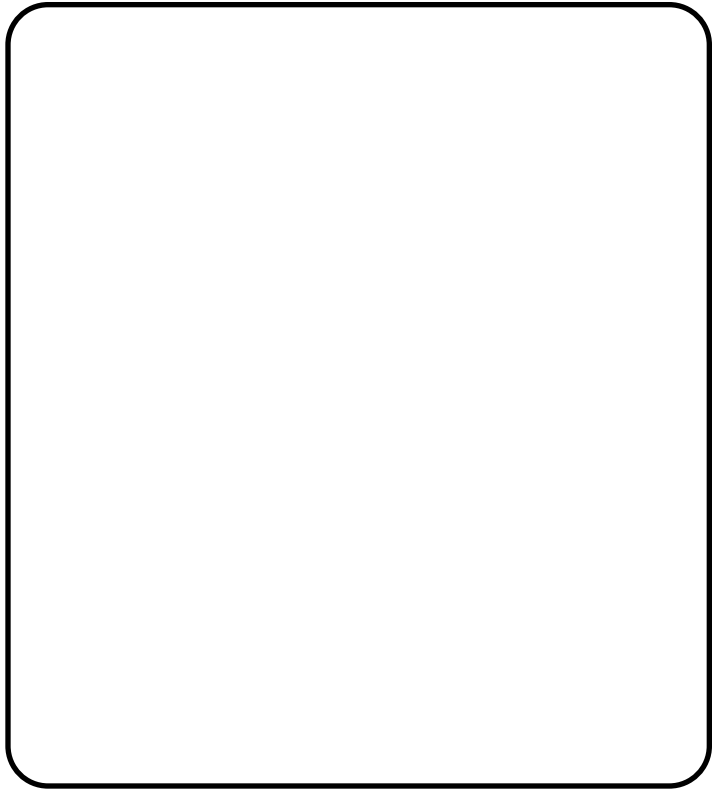
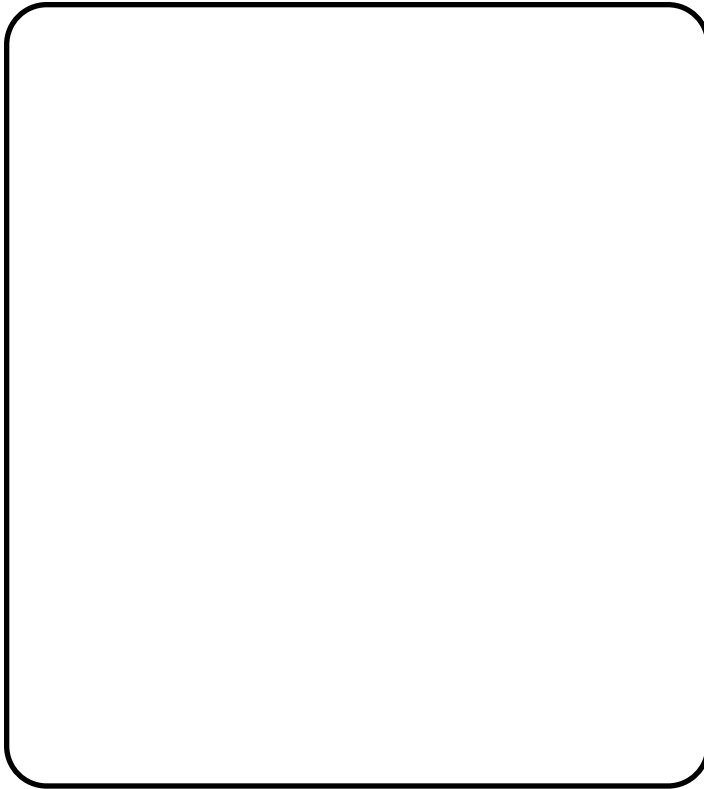
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# Thank you America



## ASSESSMENT

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# I can write Lyrics to a Song

Name \_\_\_\_\_

See pages 63-64

## I can write Lyrics to a Song

**Directions:** Mary Had a Little Lamb was written by Sarah Hale. Write a song to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb describing your favorite part of this lesson.

*Sample* **Mary Had A Little Lamb** Sarah Hale

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Just like Sarah Hale!

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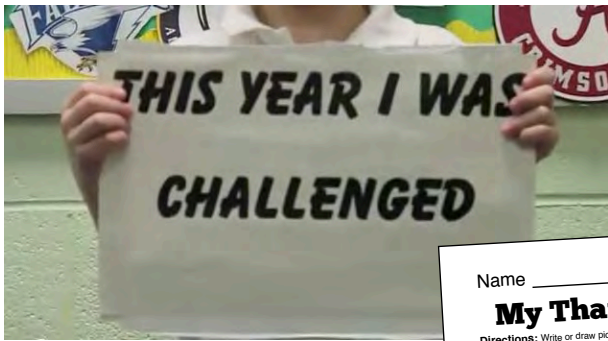


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# My Timeline

See pages 66-67



Encourage students to discuss what they want to do when they are adults. Have them write a letter to experts in the career of their interest. Then, have them write a timeline of events that will help them achieve this goal. The following is a great idea of how to present/produce your timeline: [click HERE](#) to view video.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## My Morning Routine Timeline

Directions: Write or draw pictures of what you do each morning before school and circle it. Figure out what time of the morning it happens and connect it with a line to your timeline.

Wake up

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## My Thanksgiving Day Timeline

Directions: Write or draw pictures of what you do on Thanksgiving day then circle it. Figure out what time of day it happens and connect it with a line to your timeline.

Wake up

go to bed

get to school

Write or draw pictures of what you do each Thanksgiving OR each morning before school and circle it. Figure out what time of the day OR morning it happens and connect it with a line to your timeline.

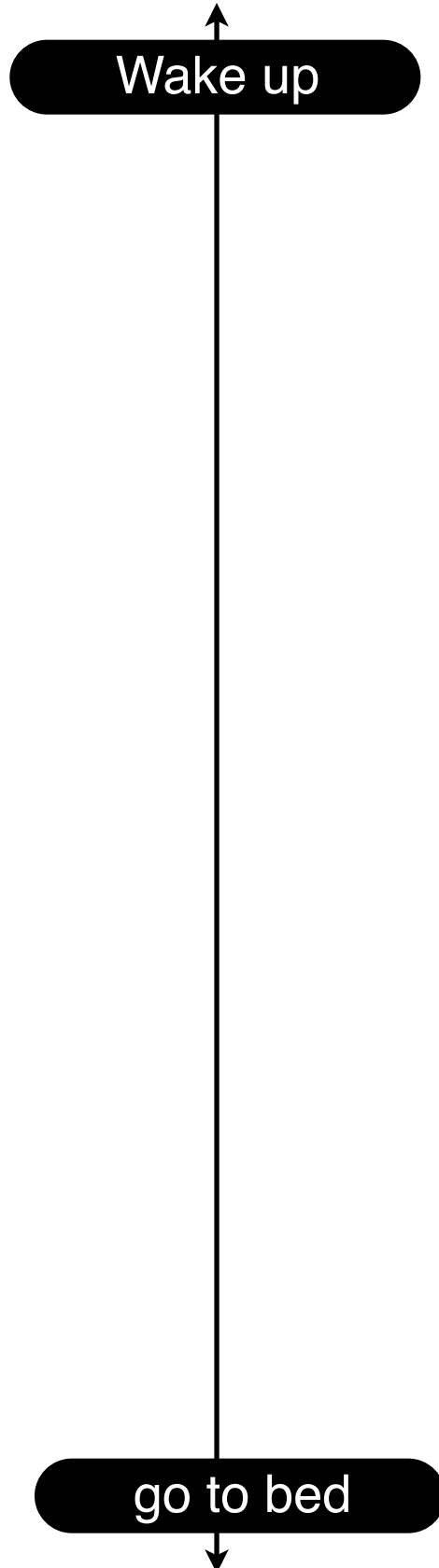




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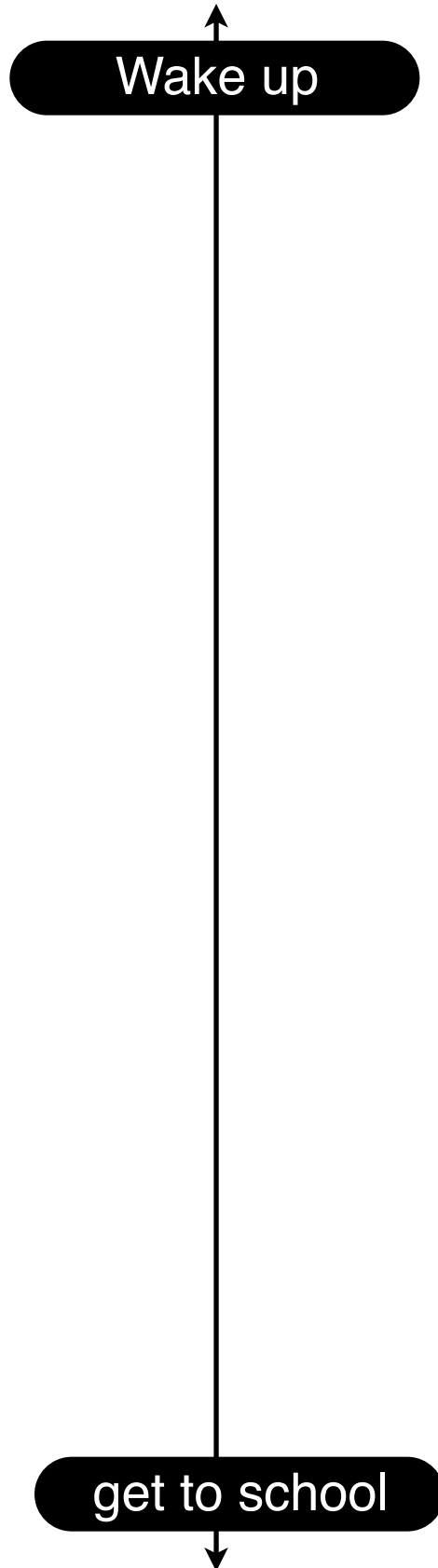
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

# My Business Letter Outline

**Directions:** You own a restaurant that needs to order supplies for Thanksgiving dinner, write to a new supplier to see if they have what you need. Use the outline below for help, then type or rewrite your letter on a separate piece of paper.

Your street address \_\_\_\_\_

Your city, state, zip code \_\_\_\_\_

leave 1 space here

Date: (month day, year) \_\_\_\_\_

leave 1 space here

(Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.) full name of recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position of Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Their street address \_\_\_\_\_

Their city, state, zip code \_\_\_\_\_

leave 1 space here

Dear (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.) Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

leave 1 space here

Subject: (title of subject) \_\_\_\_\_

leave 1 space here

body (letter) paragraph 1 .....

leave 1 space here

body (letter) paragraph 2 .....

leave 1 space here

body (letter) paragraph 3 .....

leave 1 space here

Closing (Sincerely (your name)) \_\_\_\_\_

leave 4 space between closing and printed name to sign your name in cursive

Your signature (cursive) \_\_\_\_\_

Your name (printed/typed) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# My Friendly Letter Outline

**Directions:** Find a pen pal and make a new friend in a foreign land or maybe just a next door neighbor. Use the outline below for help, then type or rewrite your letter on a separate piece of paper.

Their street address \_\_\_\_\_

Their city, state, zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Date: (month day, year) \_\_\_\_\_

leave 1 space here

Dear (Name of Recipient), \_\_\_\_\_

body (letter) paragraph 1 .....

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body (letter) paragraph 2 .....

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body (letter) paragraph 3 .....

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leave 1 space here

Closing (Sincerely, (your name))

Your signature (cursive)





# Thank you America



ASSESSMENT

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## Create a Portrait



Click [HERE](#) to view more information about this project.

Give thanks by creating a portrait of Sarah Hale or Abraham Lincoln. Give it to someone you love and tell them their Thanksgiving story.



# Thank you America



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## My Thankful Turkey

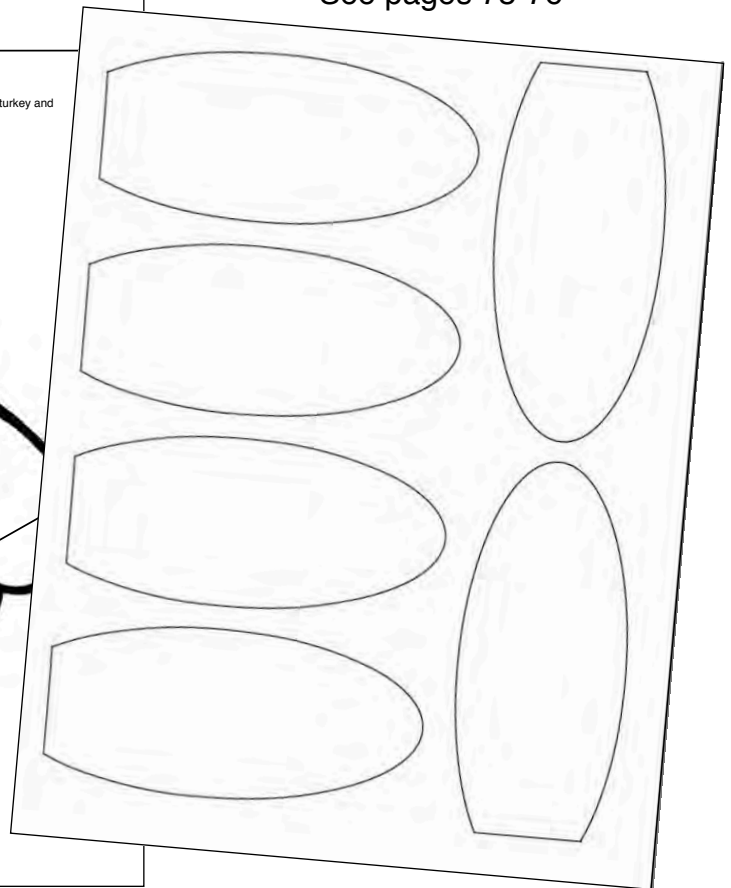
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**My Thankful Turkey**

**Directions:** Write or draw what you are thankful for on each turkey feather. Color and cut out your turkey and feathers. Paste each feathers to the back of your turkey in a fan shape.



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Give your turkey feathers, by giving him an entire tail full of words that express what or who you are thankful for.



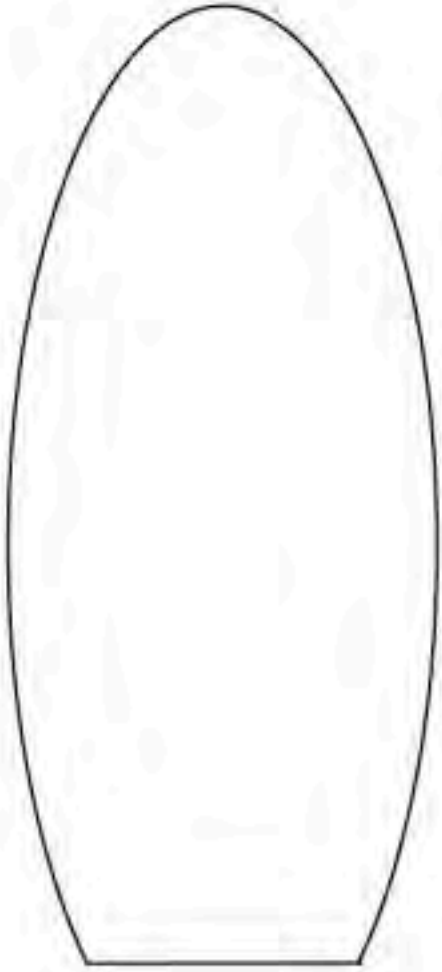
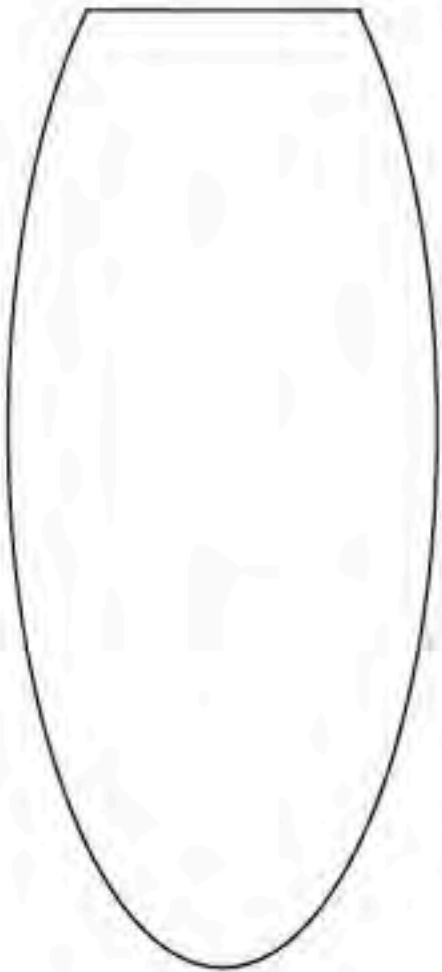
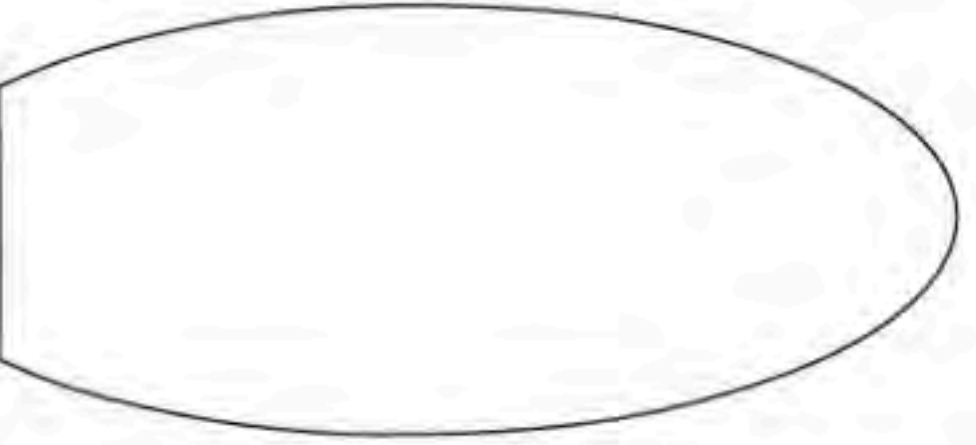
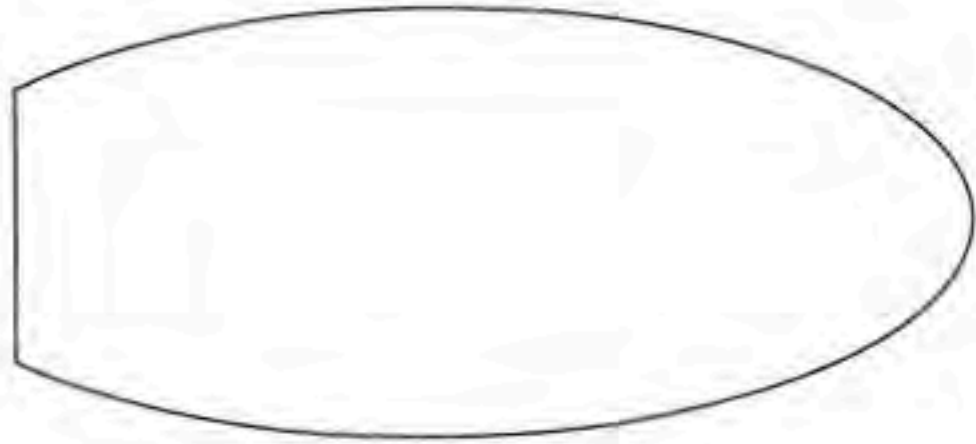
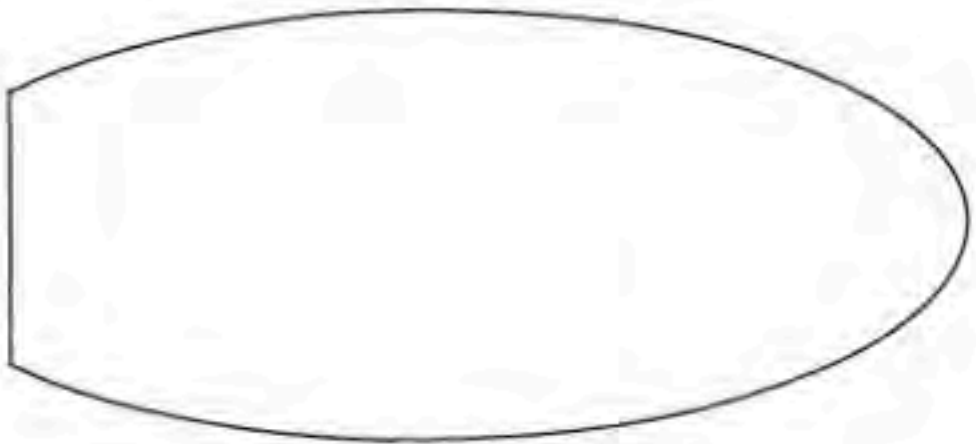
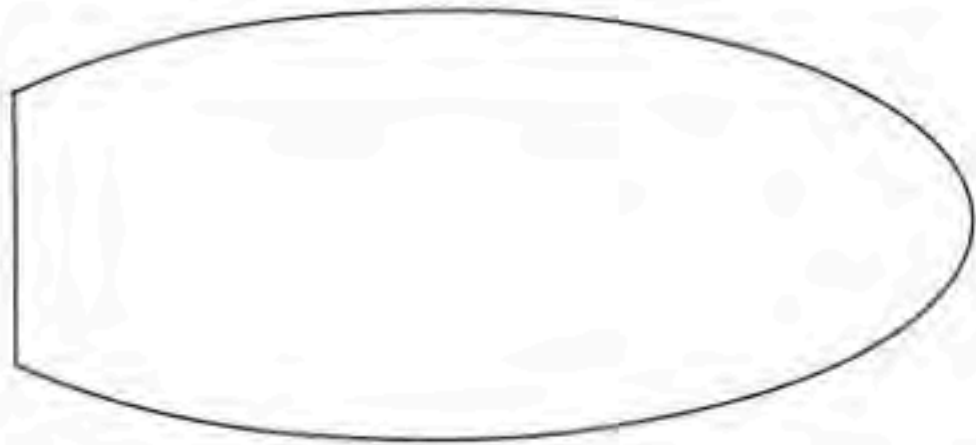
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# My Thankful Turkey

**Directions:** Write or draw what you are thankful for on each turkey feather. Color and cut out your turkey and feathers. Paste each feather to the back of your turkey in a fan shape.







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