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# Thanksgiving and the Pumpkin Pie

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Thanksgiving! Doesn't just the name of the day make your mouth water when you think of all the good food Mom is going to be cooking? There's turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, some good veggies, and best of all...



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seeds out, they used them for medicine. They would boil them and make a kind of tea that they drank for different sicknesses. They also used them to rub on a snakebite, because they believed the seeds would draw the snake venom (poison) out of the wound. Many years later, the American colonists thought pumpkin seeds would remove freckles if they rubbed them over their faces.

Another way Native Americans used the pumpkins was to slice them into long strips, dry them, and then weave them into mats for them to sleep on. Sometimes they even wove them into the long grasses that some tribes used to build their wigwams. When there were pumpkins left over after all the work was done, they cut them into long strips, roasted them over an open fire, and ate them. This was a real treat.

The first 'pumpkin pie' occurred when the early colonists sliced the top off, cleaned out all the seeds, and filled the inside with milk, spices, and honey, and then baked it in hot ashes. The pumpkin pie changed over many generations, with a lot of different ingredients added to it, until today when it is that delicious pumpkin pie your mom bakes as the special dessert for Thanksgiving dinner.

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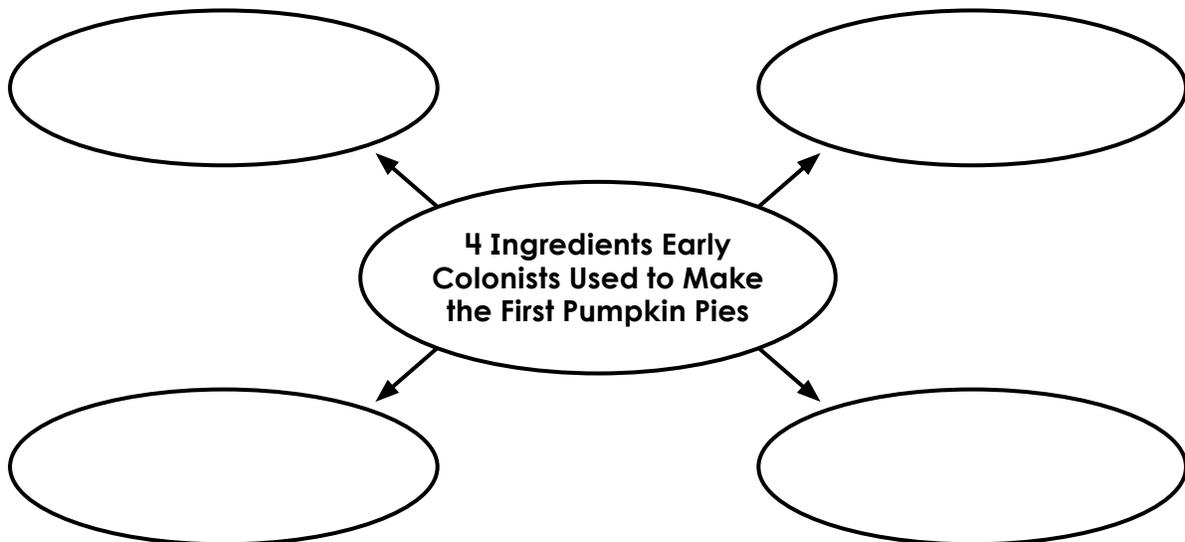
- Who made the first pumpkin pie?
  - Native Americans
  - American colonists
  - Greeks
  - modern Americans



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Match each vocabulary word on the left with its definition on the right.



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before cooking

4. \_\_\_\_\_ local

5. \_\_\_\_\_ wound

6. \_\_\_\_\_ wigwams

7. \_\_\_\_\_ freckles

d. dome-shaped hut that some Native Americans lived in

e. sweet treat eaten after a meal

f. small brownish spots on the skin

g. periods of 100 years

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