

# The Panther Promise

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## Thanksgiving Traditions and Its History



What do people do to celebrate?

Thanksgiving is a national federal holiday in the United States and always falls on the fourth Thursday of November. Most people have Thursday and Friday off, making a very long weekend to celebrate. The way most people celebrate Thanksgiving is getting together with family and having a feast.

Another popular way to celebrate Thanksgiving is to watch NFL football. There are generally a number of games on even though it is Thursday. The Detroit Lions are a traditional team that usually plays nearly every Thanksgiving.



### Traditional Thanksgiving Food

The traditional Thanksgiving feast usually consists of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, casseroles, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cakes, and pies.



## The History of Thanksgiving

The tradition of Thanksgiving started with the pilgrims who settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts. They first held a celebration of their harvest in 1621. The feast was organized by Governor William Bradford who also invited the local Wampanoag Indian to join the meal.

The first time they called the feast "Thanksgiving" was in 1623 after the rain had ended a long drought. You can find more info at

[history.com/topics/thanksgiving/first-thanksgiving-meal](http://history.com/topics/thanksgiving/first-thanksgiving-meal)

### Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

- Each year, a turkey is presented to the president of the U.S.A who then "pardons" it and the turkey gets to live out its life on a farm
- Around 88% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird instead of the bald eagle

I Had a Great Thanksgiving With My Family  
And I Hope You Did Too!!

By Madeline Unger

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## Christmas Traditions

*By: Abbey Andrews*

*Edited by: Liam Belknap*

I hope you love Christmas because I will be ranting on and on about Christmas stories and Christmas traditions. The first Christmas story I want to talk about is a very famous story called "A Christmas Carol." A Christmas Carol is a story and a book, it has also been recreated a lot. This story is one of my favorites, I think you will like it, too!

This story is about a man named Mr. Scrooge.

This character is a mean old man who only cares about himself and his money. But, there are some ghosts to solve that! Scrooge ends up running into his dead partner in his mansion. His dead partner tells him that there is a huge, heavy chain waiting for him in Hell. But, he also tells Scrooge there is a way to get rid of this huge, heavy chain. This includes 3 ghosts, the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present, and the Ghost of Christmas Future.

I think that is enough talk of Scrooge, so let's move onto a new topic.

How about a tradition? That sounds nice! How about decorating a tree? Do you like decorating a Christmas tree? Let me ask some of my friends! It turns out all of my friends' fake trees aren't a hazard either, because they can be if you don't properly set up your Christmas tree lights. Most fake Christmas trees are plastic, but some aren't. The Christmas tree lights may get overheated and cause a fire too.



So even though Christmas is fun, it can be dangerous, so be careful!

**Which do you prefer?  
Real Christmas tree or fake?**

How about another Christmas tradition? How about the Rockefeller Christmas tree lighting that happened December 4th, 2019. It has been a tradition since 1933! That is 86 years ago. That is so many years!



**Have you ever seen a Rockefeller  
Christmas tree?  
Yes or No**

**Have you ever been to a Christmas parade?  
Yes or No?**

**Do you like Christmas?  
Yes or No?**

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## Invertebrates

*Pictures Found from Google.*

Sources: National Geographic Kids

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animal>

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**By: Gracie Cabral and Jacob Frye**

There are many animals in the world, many that we have never seen before. They are all classified in two groups, invertebrates, and vertebrates. Vertebrates have a backbone and invertebrates don't. I will be telling you about invertebrates.

There are many types of invertebrates, they are also sorted in groups. Such as mollusks, cnidarians, sponges, echinoderms, flatworms, roundworms, segment worms, and arthropods.

Mollusks are animals with shells like snails, clams and, oysters. Cnidarians have tentacles like an octopus or jellyfish. Sponges don't move around except when they were larvae.

Echinoderms mean spiny skin. Some echinoderms are sea stars and sea urchins.

Flatworms are worms that are parasites. Roundworms are also disgusting invertebrates that are parasites. Segmented worms live in freshwater and in moist areas such as a forest floor. Some types of segmented worms are earthworms and leeches EW!!! Last but not least are... arthropods!!! These animals are the largest groups of invertebrates, with many species of bugs from beautiful to ugly and ew.

This group has beetles and butterflies and much more.



## Octopuses!

The Octopuses are one of my favorite invertebrates and I am going to tell you about them. They are a part of the cnidarians because they have tentacles, and they have eight long arms. They are also related to squid, and many people call them “monsters of the deep.” They enjoy tropical waters although some live in shallow waters. They hunt their prey by using powerful suction to pull in their prey, and they enjoy eating crabs, shrimp, and lobsters, (octopuses are carnivores). Octopuses are yummy meals to seals, whales, and large fish. Although octopuses are hard to get if they are threatened they shoot ink, they are also good a hide and go seek! They change colors like gray, brown, pink, blue, and green. They also change color to talk to other octopuses. Poor octopuses, they live alone in dens, but it is very amazing! They build a den made of rocks with their powerful tentacles, they even make a door!

Fun facts: in the wild, they can live up to 1 to 2 years, and they can be up to 6.6 pounds to 22 pounds

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## Starfish

Find out more here:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/sea-star/>



All about starfish

Type: Invertebrates

Diet: carnivore

Lifespan: 35 years

Size: 4.7 to 9.4 inches

Weight: 11 pounds

Fun facts: 5 arms but can have up to 50 arms, size can be 4-7 to 9.4 inches, they have sensitive eye spots on their arms, and their stomach eats the food.

## ARE SIBLINGS ANNOYING

By Noah Moore

*I asked people in the school this question "Are siblings annoying?" and this is what I found out!*

*These were the choices for this question!*

*1: yes very annoying*

*2: most are*

*3: if you and your siblings get in a fight it's because you guys don't know whose turn it is*

*4: you could have a good relationship*

*5: you can probably do everything together*

This is a picture of two siblings getting along provided by google



<u>Very annoying</u>	<u>Most are</u>	<u>Fights</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Close</u>
adults:6	adults:0	adults:7	adults:7	adults:3

Kids:28	kids:0	kids:3	kids:0	Kids:0
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Facts about Helen Keller

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Find more information here:

[www.biography.com/activist/helen-keller](http://www.biography.com/activist/helen-keller)

Born: June 27, 1880

Died: June 1, 1968

Parents: Mom was Katherine (Kate)  
Adams Keller and her dad was Arther  
Henley Keller.

She was born a healthy child  
She was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

She became sick when she was 19  
months old, in 1882.

She became deaf and blind because of  
the sickness.

Her parents talked to Alexander Graham  
Bell and hoped he could help her.

Anne Sullivan became her teacher on  
March 5, 1887.

In 1904, She graduated from college.  
She was the first blind-deaf person to  
earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

She wrote about her life and became an  
activist for the disabled.

She visited veterans to comfort them  
about the war.

Here are some pictures of her from  
google



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Comic vs movie

By Liam Belknap and Dylan Bronk

So, it is true that we love superheroes but what is better? Comic or movie.

Well, it is obvious that the movies look better. Score 1/0



While the movies have better looks, the comics have more quantity. Score 1/1.

Comics have 7365 while movies have 23.

Our opinion is movies are better because we like watching than reading. But our opinion does not matter. Now with so much technology, we know a lot of people would want to watch a movie.

Score:2/1.

Which do you like better?





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