

You have read/viewed William Bradford's personal accounts of the first Thanksgiving and the Mayflower voyage. How he describes it may seem somewhat familiar to what you have been told before, but there are probably things you didn't know about Bradford, the Mayflower, and the first Thanksgiving that you found out about through reading his journal.

What do you think Bradford would think about our own modern Thanksgiving traditions?

Prompt: Through cosmic experience and divine intervention, William Bradford gets to spend one day in modern America --- and wouldn't you know it, that day happens to be Thanksgiving of this year.

On his day here, he is lucky to spend the entire day visiting with you, your friends, and family, sharing in your traditions, and he will be returning to the year 1630 to continue writing in his journal. You are going to use your imagination to pretend you are William Bradford visiting a modern Thanksgiving.

This needs to be at least 450 words. (If you are typing this, this is less than a page. Please read the example that I have uploaded! You can see it's not that much!)

Remember, you are putting this assignment together from Bradford's point of view! Please include references from his writing as well as details about your own experience. But this should be you writing as if you are Bradford, in the style of Bradford. You should be creative!

Here is the rubric:

- **20 points - the presentation/writing includes 5 direct references to *William Bradford's journal***
- **20 points - the presentation/writing accurately demonstrates the literary voice of William Bradford (Think about how he wrote...)**
- **20 points - the presentation/writing compares Thanksgiving traditions then and now**
- **10 points - the presentation/writing shows individual creative and critical thought**
- **10 points - proof of brainstorming (which was assigned on Tuesday, 2/9/2016)**
- **20 points - the presentation/writing demonstrates grammatical and language accuracy/formatting (name, teacher's name, class, date)**