

Thanksgiving and Black Friday

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Hi, everyone! It's time for another English Extravaganza! November has two big American holidays that I want to tell you about: Thanksgiving and Black Friday.



Every November, Americans and Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving was held near New York about 400 years ago between the English settlers (開拓移民) and the Native American tribes that already lived there. The settlers did not know how to farm so they stole supplies from the nearby tribes. Instead of fighting, the tribes taught the settlers how to grow corn and use fish to fertilize (肥料をやる) their fields. They decided to celebrate the harvest with a celebration,

the first Thanksgiving.

Today, most Americans and Canadians spend the holiday with their family, enjoy a big feast (大宴会・ごちそう), and give thanks for the good things in their lives. Turkey, stuffing, cranberry, and sweet potatoes are typical foods eaten during Thanksgiving. For Native Americans, though, Thanksgiving can be a difficult time. For them, the holiday is a reminder of the hard times their ancestors endured. Because of this, November is an especially important time to celebrate Native American culture.



The day after Thanksgiving is called Black Friday, and it is one of the biggest shopping days of the year because many popular stores offer big discounts for only that day. Black Friday is also a controversial (議論の余地のある) holiday, though, and for many reasons. To start, many people disagree with buying things the day after everyone gives thanks for what they already have.

It's important to remind ourselves of what and who we appreciate. I am thankful to be at Nishiko, where I am surrounded by wonderful people. I appreciate all of you. Happy Thanksgiving!

