

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

3rd Grade Science and Social Studies

UNIT 2: REDISCOVERING THANKSGIVING

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Clambake: A Wampanoag Tradition (We Are Still Here: Native Americans Today)* by Russell M. Peters (980L)**
- *Mayflower 1620: A New Look at a Pilgrim Voyage* by Plimoth Plantation (NL)
- *The Circle of Thanks* by Joseph Bruchac (NL)

Fiction Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

- *Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message* by Chief Jake Swamp (NL)
- *Four Seasons of Corn: A Winnebago Tradition (We Are Still Here)* by Sally M. Hunter (930L)
- *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* by Traci Sorell (970L)**
- *The People Shall Continue* by Simon Ortiz (660L)*
- *The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdich (970L)**
- *Young Water Protectors: A Story about Standing Rock* by Aslan and Kelly Tudor (NL)

Please note: It is difficult to find nonracist texts about Thanksgiving. We have tried to choose these texts carefully. If adding more texts about Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, or the Wampanoag to your library, read them carefully. We also suggest reading this resource from Teaching Tolerance: ["Teaching Thanksgiving in a Socially Responsible Way"](#) by Amanda Morris.

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