



Thankful Creativity

Thanksgiving Writing Prompts to Enrich Your Imagination



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Explore the beauty of autumn with these Thanksgiving writing prompts. Encourage students to use rich language to describe this season of thankfulness.

If your student needs some help getting started:

They can make a word bank of descriptive words to use:

Example: Describing colorful squash

shiny	smooth	yellow	dappled	squat	tiny
glistening	vibrant	white	mottled	huge	cute
glossy	bright	tan	variegated	heavy	stringy
matte	mellow	orange	round	hefty	soft
dull	waxy	spot	curved	enormous	tasty
plump	green	ted	twisted	giant	baked
bumpy	golden	veined	gnarly	dense	roasted

Have them answer some questions about their character(s):

Who do they imagine is in the story?

Why are they there?

Who else is there?

How did they get there?

What are they doing?

Is it the past, future, or present?

Have them imagine the setting:

What is the weather like?

(sunny, clear, crisp, foggy, misty, chilly, rainy, cloudy, windy, stormy, blustery, snowy)

What time of day is it?

(dawn, sunrise, morning, noon, afternoon, dusk, sunset, twilight, moonlit night, moonless night)

Where is your character?

(inside, outside, at home, in a forest, on a field, in a tall building, on a rowboat, riding a train, climbing a mountain)

Are there colors your character sees?

(bold, pastel, dark, bright, rainbow, grays, warm, or cool)

When does the story take place?

(past, present, future)

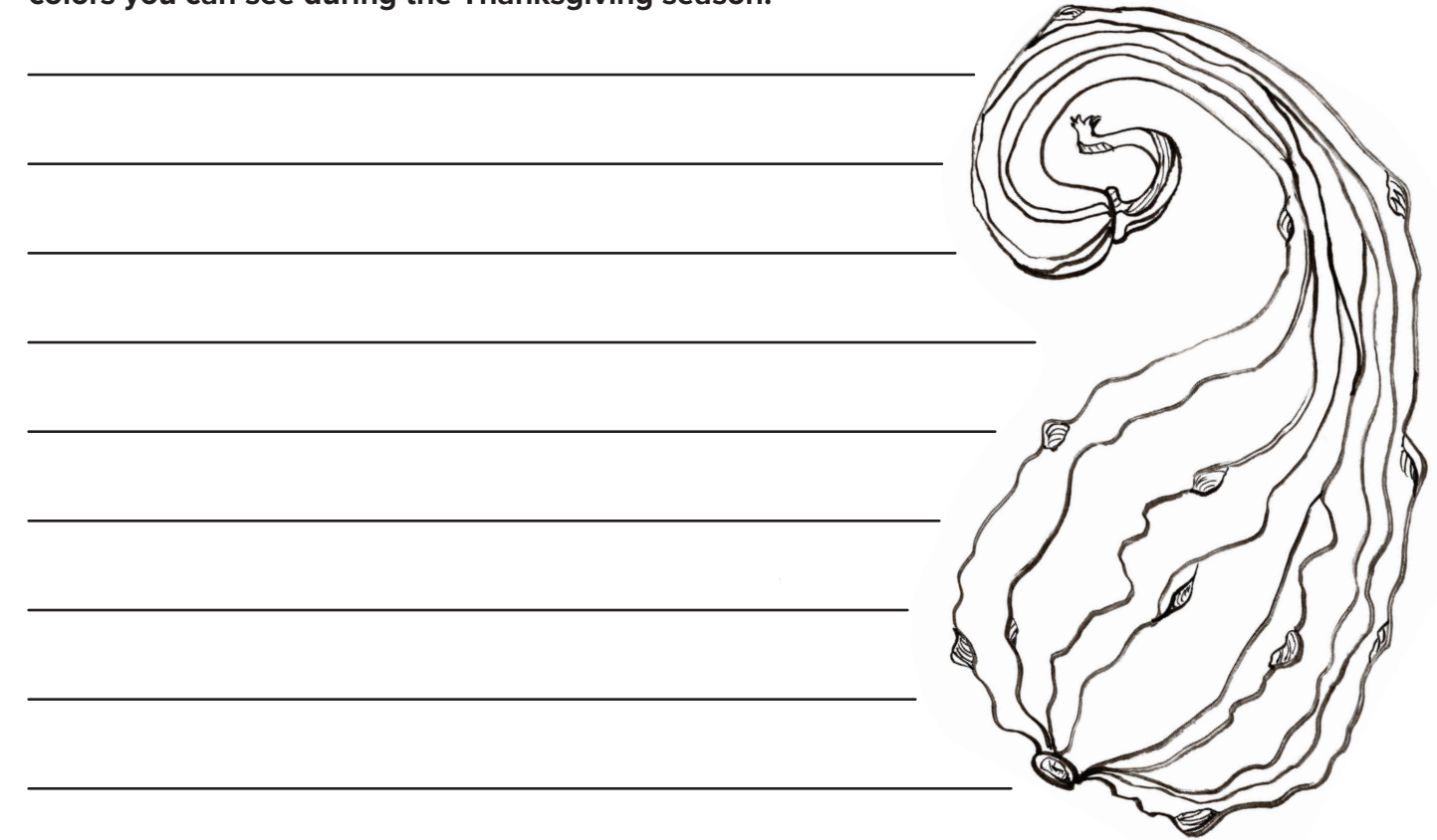
Sights

Thanksgiving brings baskets of fresh fall harvests and winter gourds. Describe the rich autumn colors you can see during the Thanksgiving season.

Colors you can see during the Thanksgiving season:

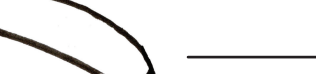
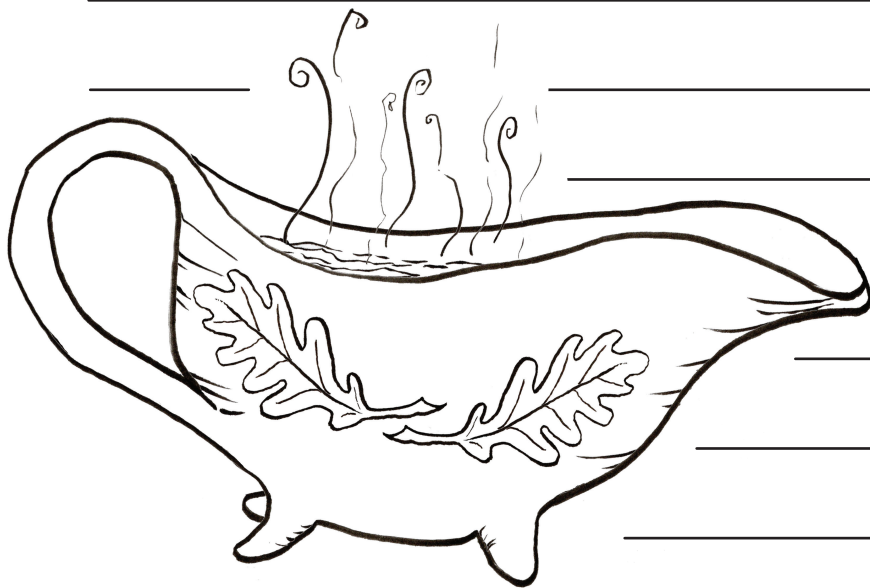


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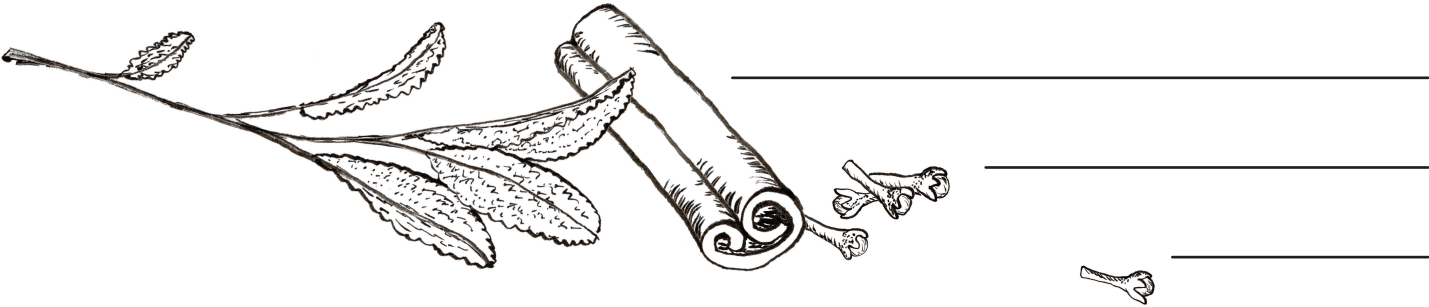
Sounds

Gravy bubbles gently on the stove, and voices of friends and family murmur nearby. Describe the comforting sounds you hear during Thanksgiving.

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Smells and Tastes

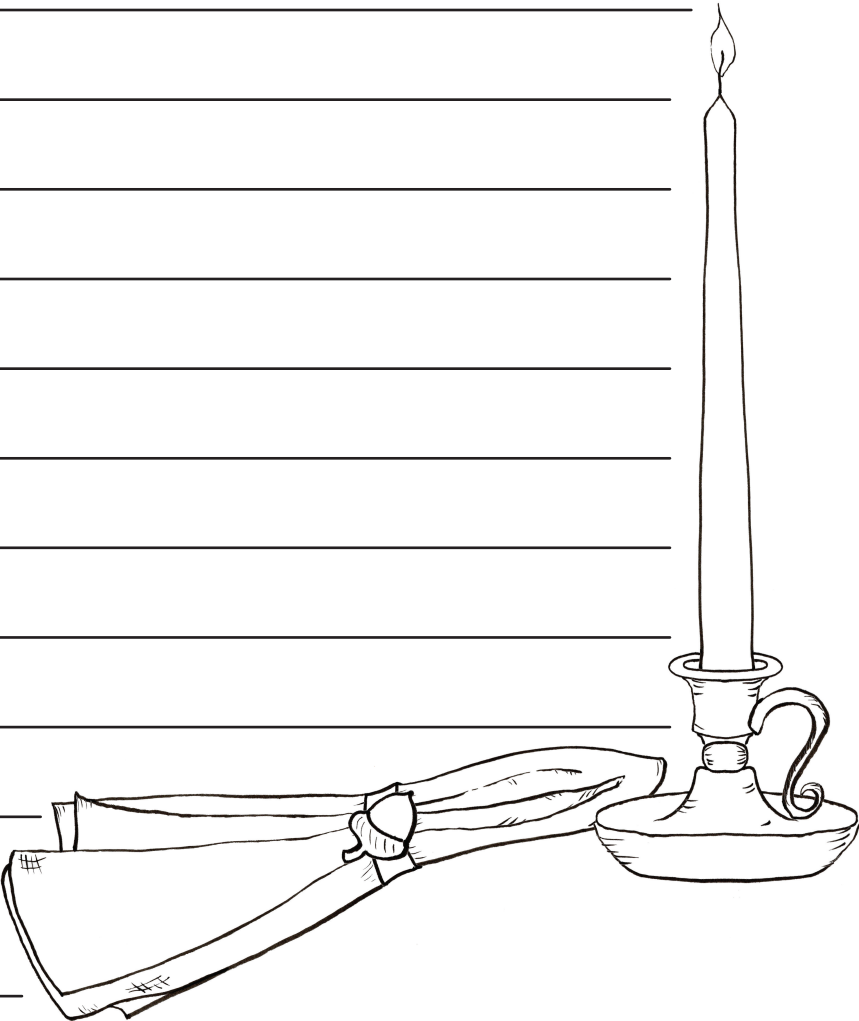
The rich scents of warm spices and the comforting flavors of herbs and traditional foods.
Describe your favorite smells and flavors of Thanksgiving.



Feelings and Thankful Moments

Describe feeling thankful for friendly faces gathered around the table and shared traditional meals.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 20 horizontal lines. The first 10 lines are on the left side of the page, and the next 10 lines are on the right side, starting from the middle of the page.



Open-Ended Short Story

Use rich, descriptive words and your imagination to continue the story:

A beautiful cornucopia basket towers high above you. Climbing up over squash, apples, and acorns the size of boulders, you slide down a giant gourd into the cave-like basket and find . . .

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