

Modeling the Four Square Writing Method to Grade 3



The Recipe for a Student-Written 5-Paragraph Essay

1. Teacher models the 4-Square (Thanksgiving)
2. Teacher guides students to fill out 4-Square (class-created) (Christmas)
3. Teacher models writing the essay (Thanksgiving)
4. Teacher guides students to begin their essay (Christmas), and lets them finish it independently.

Thanksgiving models follow.

To begin with

Food

- Turkey and Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pumpkin Pie

In addition

School Play

- Pilgrims from the Mayflower
- Indians who lived in America
- A feast of friendship

My favorite holiday is
Thanksgiving .

As one can see

Another reason

Family

- Say what we are thankful for
- Watch football
- Go to see a movie together

On Thanksgiving we eat a lot
of food, watch the school
play, and do fun things with
my family.

Thanksgiving

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving.

To begin with, we eat a lot of food. We have a big turkey with stuffing. We also have cranberry sauce. For dessert we eat pumpkin pie.

In addition, we see a school play that is about the first Thanksgiving. In the play, there are pilgrims from the Mayflower. There are also Indians who lived in America. They have a feast of friendship.

Another reason I like Thanksgiving is because we have a special time with family. We say what we are thankful for. We have fun watching football together. We also go to see a movie together.

As one can see, on Thanksgiving we eat a lot of food, watch the school play, and do fun things with my family.

To begin with

✓ Food

- ✓ • turkey and stuffing
- ✓ • cranberry sauce
- ✓ • pumpkin pie

In addition

✓ school play

- ✓2 • pilgrims from the Mayflower
- ✓3 • Indians who lived in America
- ✓4 • A feast of friendship

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving.

As you can see,

Also

✓1 family

- ✓2 • say what we are thankful for
- 3x ✓ • watch football
- ✓4 • go to see a movie to gether

on Thanksgiving we eat a lot of food, watch a school play, and do fun things with my family.

Writing
Holiday
Essay

Nov. 12, 2003

Thanksgiving

X My favorite Holiday is
Thanksgiving

X To begin with, we eat a lot of food on Thanksgiving. We have a big turkey with stuffing. We also eat cranberry sauce. For dessert we eat pumpkin pie.

X In addition we see a school play that is about the first Thanksgiving. In the play, there are pilgrims from the Mayflower. There are also Indians who lived in America. They have a feast of friendship.

X Also, we spend time with our family on Thanksgiving. We say what we are thankful for at dinner. After we watch football together. We also go to see a movie as a family.

X As you can see, on Thanksgiving we eat a lot of food, watch a school play, and do fun things with my family.

Writing
Holiday
Essay

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x My Thanksgiving

✓ x My favorite Holiday is Thanksgiving.

x We begin with, We eat a lot of food on Thanksgiving. We have a big turkey with stuffing. We also eat cranberry sauce. For dessert we eat pumpkin pie.

✓ x In addition, we see a school play that is about the first Thanksgiving. In the play, there are pilgrims from the Mayflower. There are also Indians who lived in America. They have a feast of friendship.

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✓ x As you can see, on Thanksgiving we eat a lot of food, watch a school play, and do fun things with my family.