

1 | Reading Notes

1.1 | the story of Thanksgiving is a badly morphed myth

Like the Columbus myth, the story of Thanksgiving has morphed into an easily digestible narrative that, despite its actual underlying truths, is designed to reinforce a sense of collective patriotic pride.

1.2 | The difficulty of the pilgrims are vastly downplayed

it had for untold generations been a well-managed landscape, cleared and maintained for cornfields and crops like beans and squash, as well as for game

1.3 | That the epidemic brought by the Europeans was actually the cause of destabilization for an originally stable system

The epidemic decimated their population, however, and destabilized relations with their traditional enemies, the neighboring Narragansett

1.4 | European religion and culture still used to justify pillaging

the religious separatists attributed their good fortune to God, "for how else could we have done it without meeting some Indians who might trouble us."

1.5 | The story of thanksgiving is fabricated from the original source without context

Neither of the accounts are detailed enough to surmise the familiar tale of Pilgrims hosting a feast to thank the Indians for their help

1.6 | Thanksgiving was an accidental process

It was only after arriving well intentioned but uninvited that an invitation to stay was extended.