

Introduction:
A. Thanksgiving Day is an important holiday for our country because of the ______ it represents.
B. The history of Thanksgiving Day:
   1. __________ ______________, Governor of Plymouth, 1623.
   2. __________ ______________, President, 1789.
   3. __________ ______________, Editor and Writer, 1828.
   4. __________ ______________, President, 1863.

I. What is Thankfulness?
A. Thankfulness is the feeling of being _______ or ___________. (Cambridge)
B. Thankfulness is feeling or expressing _______; ___________. (Dictionary.com)
C. Thankful: conscious of __________ received; expressive of ________. (Merriam-Webster)

II. Why Should We Be Thankful?
A. Because God __________ us to be thankful. (Col. 2:6-7; 3:15; 4:2)
B. Because _________ characterizes the ___________. (2 Tim. 3:1-2)
C. Because it _________ us towards ________.

III. When Should We Be Thankful?
A. Truth is that God wants us to be thankful _____ the ________. (1 Thess. 5:18)

IV. How Can We Become Thankful People?
A. First, ____________ Precedes Thanking.
   1. Story of Matthew Henry
   2. Quote from Helen Keller
B. Second, __________ Prevents Thankfulness.
   1. Henry Ward Beecher, “A _______ man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.”
   2. The _________ person understands that who they are and what they have has come from God as a gift and a blessing.
   3. The _________ person realizes they have received far more than they deserve which helps with contentment.

Conclusion:
A. Peanuts Comic with __________ and __________.
B. _________ Your _____________.