



What is a feast?



Arch 0770

Food and Drink in Classical Antiquity

Housekeeping details



- **Final paper/project:**
 - Due Monday, December 2nd
 - *Projects should involve significant effort, the equivalent of ca. 12-15 page paper. Each project must be accompanied by a paper at least five pages long, or longer if there is not a substantial amount of additional material submitted (photos; video; art works; food; etc.). If two or more people are working as a team, the paper should be at least 7-8 pages long. If students choose to write a research paper as their final project, this should be 12-15 pages in length.*
 - *NB: Papers should be 1.5 spacing, no larger than 12 pt. font*

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- **Third Hourly Exam**
Wednesday, December 11th (cumulative)
In class hour, class space
Same format (identifications, short answers)
- **Cumulative**
You will be responsible for the material on
***all* ppts posted to the class wiki**

How is a feast different from a usual meal?



- **Fancier table setting**
- **More courses, more food**
- **Eat too much**
- **Standardized food**
- **Unusual guest list**
- **Special order/timing to things**
- **Odd vessels, implements**
- **Alcohol**
- **Size of group**
- **Distinct 'host'**
- **Emphasis on the communal**
- **Gender roles more pronounced?**

But can you just identify a feast with a checklist?

What is a feast?

‘any unusual occasion with unusual shared meal’; communal consumption; different from everyday (Hayden)

‘a form of public ritual activity centered around the communal consumption of food and drink’ (Dietler)

Modes of feasting (Dietler)

Empowering feasts: acquisition/maintenance of symbolic, economic capital (work feasts, labor);

Patron-role feasts: legitimate asymmetrical power differences (patron/client)

Diacritical feasts: make clear ranking in social order (among elite 'equals')

Eating to unite, eating to divide



The Amish have clear
gender roles within their
culture.



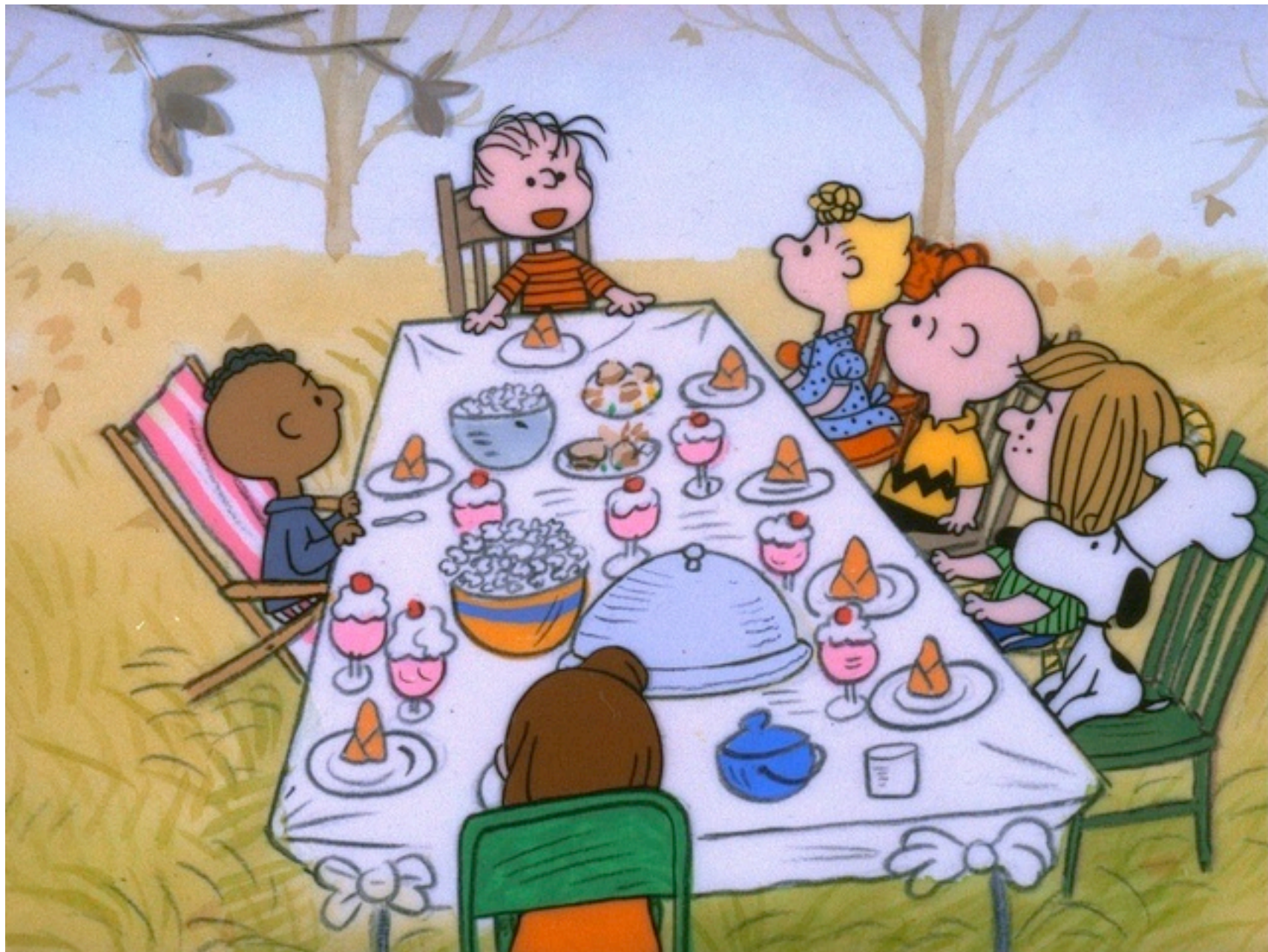








- thanks·giv·ing
- ,THaNGks'giviNG/
- *noun*
- noun: **thanksgiving**; plural noun: **thanksgivings**; noun: **Thanksgiving**;
noun: **Thanksgiving Day**
- **1.**
- the expression of gratitude, esp. to God.
- "he offered prayers **in thanksgiving for** his safe arrival"
- **2.**
- (in North America) an annual national holiday marked by religious observances and a traditional meal including turkey. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621, and is held in the US on the fourth Thursday in November. A similar holiday is held in Canada, usually on the second Monday in October.













Your family?