



MAKING THANKSGIVING NATIONAL

Sarah Josepha Hale



For years, Sarah Josepha Hale advocated for the creation of a single day when the nation would celebrate Thanksgiving. She believed this would unify the country as they all celebrated together, breaking bread and giving thanks. Research the question below to learn more.

One of her most famous accomplishments is a children's poem that she wrote in 1830. Name the poem.

In 1827 she wrote a novel that had an entire chapter dedicated to Thanksgiving. Name the novel.

Sarah Josepha Hale lobbied politicians for a federal national holiday. How many years did it take before she succeeded?

What president did she convince, and why would a federal day of thanks be important to him and the country?



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