

Thanksgiving Trivia

Questions

1. Thanksgiving occurs on the:
 1. Fourth Thursday in November
 2. Third Thursday in November
 3. November 26 each year
2. The first Thanksgiving lasted:
 1. One day
 2. Two days
 3. Three days
3. Which of the following was NOT served at the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving meal?
 1. Cranberries, corn and mashed potatoes
 2. Rabbit, chicken, wild turkey and dried fruit
 3. Venison (deer meat), fish goose
4. Which Indian tribe taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land and were invited to the Thanksgiving meal?
 1. Apache
 2. Wampanoag
 3. Cherokee
5. Approximately how many turkeys are eaten each year on Thanksgiving in the United States?
 1. 100 million
 2. 280 million
 3. 500 million
6. Which southern state was the first to adopt a Thanksgiving Day in 1855?
 1. South Carolina
 2. Virginia
 3. Georgia

7. What is a snood?
 1. The loose skin under a male turkey's neck.
 2. A hat worn by a Pilgrim
 3. A hot cider drink served at Thanksgiving.
8. What utensil was not used by the Pilgrims to eat Thanksgiving dinner?
 1. Knife
 2. Fork
 3. Spoon
9. The best place to put the meat thermometer in the turkey is:
 1. The breast
 2. The middle of the back
 3. The thigh
10. Which president is believed to be the first to pardon a turkey and start this annual tradition?
 1. President Lincoln in 1863
 2. President Roosevelt in 1939
 3. President Harry Truman in 1947
11. The Pilgrims came to the New World seeking religious freedom and were also called:
 1. The Puritans, because they wanted to purify the teachings and ceremonies of the Church of England.
 2. The Great Explorers
 3. The Wanderers
12. Today, our Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday of November because
 1. It is the date the Pilgrims landed in the New World.
 2. This was the date set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 and approved by Congress in 1941.
 3. It was the date people voted to have it on.
13. What is a baby turkey called?

1. A chick
2. A nestling
3. A poult

14. It has been estimated that how many Americans eat turkey at Thanksgiving?

1. 88%
2. 50%
3. 75%

15. A full grown turkey has about how many feathers?

1. A million
2. Too many to count!
3. 3,500

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Answers

1. 1

2. 3

3. 1

4. 2

5. 2

6. 2

7. 1

8. 2

9. 3

10. 3

11. 1

12. 2

13. 3

14. 1

15. 3

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True or False

1. Canada also has Thanksgiving. They have their holiday on the second Monday in October.
2. The first ever Thanksgiving was held in 1621 at Plymouth by the Pilgrims.
3. All turkeys can fly.
4. The Pilgrims only “celebrated” three days – the Sabbath, fast days, and days of thanksgiving.
5. All turkeys gobble.
6. The first department store to hold a Thanksgiving Day parade was Macy’s.
7. More than half of the people in the Plymouth colony died the winter of 1621.
8. Every year the President of the United States pardons a turkey, who spends the rest of its life on a historical farm.
9. Cranberries are tasted to see if they are sweet enough to harvest.
10. Turkeys can see behind themselves.

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Answers

1. True
2. False - Thanksgiving feasts were part of early religion in England before the Pilgrims ever came to the New World.
3. False - Wild turkeys can fly, but those domestically grown for eating cannot because they are too heavy.
4. True
5. False - Only male turkeys gobble. They do so to attract female turkeys.
6. False - It was Gimbel's.
7. True
8. True
9. False - Cranberries are bounced to see if they are ripe. They should bounce about 4 inches high.
10. True - They can see 270 degrees.