

Thanksgiving Trivia for Seniors

The First Thanksgiving

1. The 1621 harvest feast often called the first Thanksgiving took place at which English colony?

2. Which Native nation shared the 1621 feast with the Pilgrims?

3. Who was the Wampanoag leader at the 1621 feast?

4. About how long did the 1621 feast last?

5. Whose 1621 letter is the only known eyewitness account of the feast?

6. On which ship did the Pilgrims sail to America in 1620?

7. Which Patuxet man, who spoke English, helped the Pilgrims plant corn?

Thanksgiving History

8. Which president proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving in 1863?

9. Which magazine editor campaigned for years for a national Thanksgiving?

10. Sarah Josepha Hale is credited with writing which nursery rhyme?

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Thanksgiving History (continued)

11. Which president moved Thanksgiving a week earlier in 1939?

12. Since a 1941 law, Thanksgiving falls on which day?

13. Which president made the turkey pardon a yearly tradition starting in 1989?

14. Which Founding Father wrote to his daughter that the turkey was "a much more respectable bird" than the bald eagle?

Parades and Football

15. In what year did the Macy's parade in New York City begin?

16. Which NFL team has hosted a Thanksgiving game almost every year since 1934?

17. In what year did the Dallas Cowboys begin their Thanksgiving game tradition?

Turkey Talk

18. What is a male turkey called?

19. What is a baby turkey called?

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Turkey Talk (continued)

20. Can wild turkeys fly?

21. What is the red skin hanging from a turkey's chin and throat called?

22. Which U.S. state raises the most turkeys?

Food and Traditions

23. Which company's test kitchen created green bean casserole in 1955?

24. On which day does Canada celebrate Thanksgiving?

25. The song "Over the River and Through the Wood" began as a poem about which holiday?

26. Which 1943 Norman Rockwell painting shows a family Thanksgiving dinner?

27. In what year did A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving first air on TV?

28. What does the word "cornucopia" mean?

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1. Plymouth Colony (Massachusetts)
2. The Wampanoag
3. Massasoit (Ousamequin)
4. About three days
5. Edward Winslow
6. The Mayflower
7. Tisquantum (Squanto)
8. Abraham Lincoln
9. Sarah Josepha Hale
10. "Mary Had a Little Lamb"
11. Franklin D. Roosevelt
12. The fourth Thursday in November
13. George H. W. Bush
14. Benjamin Franklin
15. 1924
16. The Detroit Lions
17. 1966
18. A tom (or gobbler)
19. A poult
20. Yes, for short distances
21. The wattle
22. Minnesota
23. Campbell's
24. The second Monday in October
25. Thanksgiving
26. Freedom from Want
27. 1973
28. Horn of plenty