

# THANKSGIVING DAY QUIZ

It is once again time to talk turkey, stuffing and all of the trimmings. Thanksgiving is celebrated in both Canada and the United States with similar parades and fanfare.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the blessings in one's life and enjoy the company of family and friends during a special meal.

Although people celebrate Thanksgiving each and every year, they may not be aware of some of its interesting history. Test your knowledge of gobblers and general trivia with this quiz.

1. Despite competing historical claims, the story most people associate with the first American Thanksgiving took place in a colony in this modern-day state?  
 a. Pennsylvania  
 b. New Jersey  
 c. Massachusetts  
 d. Delaware

2. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on which day of the week in Canada?  
 a. Monday  
 b. Tuesday  
 c. Wednesday  
 d. Thursday

3. Pilgrims from Europe associated with Thanksgiving are purported to

have sailed across the Atlantic to reach North America on which ship?

- a. Daisy
- b. Mayflower
- c. Santa Maria
- d. Roseflower

4. Which tribe of Native Americans taught Pilgrims how to cultivate the land, contributing to the first Thanksgiving?

- a. Algonquin
- b. Lenape
- c. Shoshone
- d. Wampanoag

5. Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas how long ago?

- a. 10 million years ago
- b. 15 million years ago
- c. 20 million years ago
- d. 25 million years ago

6. Three different deboned types of poultry go into this Thanksgiving meal alternative?

- a. Orange duck
- b. Turducken
- c. Turkey chowmein
- d. Chixturck

7. In what year did Congress make Thanksgiving an official national holiday in the United States?

- a. 1932
- b. 1939
- c. 1941
- d. 1946

8. Twenty percent of the overall consumption of this type of fruit is done on Thanksgiving.

- a. apples
- b. cranberries
- c. cherries
- d. grapes

9. The first Canadian Thanksgiving was a welcome-home celebration for Sir Martin Frobisher when he returned to which area of the country?

- a. Albert
- b. Manitoba
- c. British Columbia
- d. Newfoundland

10. Canadians sometimes call the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States by this name to distinguish it from their own Thanksgiving celebration.

- a. Yanksgiving
- b. Amerigiving
- c. Turmerica
- d. USthanks

Answers: 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. b 7. c 8. b 9. d 10. a

—Metro

## Avoid these Thanksgiving dinner preparation mistakes

Here are some tips on how to avoid mistakes when hosting a Thanksgiving Day dinner celebration.

1. *Leaving meal preparation for Thanksgiving Day.*

A traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner includes staple favorite dishes that require lengthy prep and cooking times. A common mistake is to underestimate time needed for frozen turkey defrosting.

Depending on its size, a frozen turkey may require two days to defrost before it is ready for cooking. Consider preparing side dishes the day before Thanksgiving, or at minimum, preparing ingredients (i.e. chopping vegetables) in advance.

2. *A disorganized kitchen.*  
 Overstuffed pantries, cabinets and refrigerators complicate meal preparation and post-

dinner leftovers storage.

Set aside one to two hours to clean out your refrigerator, freezer and cabinetry. Toss out expired items. Reorganize to maximize space. Take an inventory of your pots, pans and other cookware to ensure that you have enough.

3. *One-person cooking.*  
 Don't be shy about asking guests to bring side dishes and desserts. Most people are

happy to contribute to the feast; they may even feel more welcome if they are asked to bring a dish.

4. *Chaotic clean-up.*  
 Don't do all the clean-up work yourself. Delegate people to load the dishwasher, wrap leftovers, take out the trash, etc. If everyone knows what they're supposed to do, you'll enjoy a far more efficient clean-up process. —Metro

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