



Thanksgiving Trivia

- There were 102 men, women, and children aboard the Mayflower. How long did it take them to reach America?
 - 6 weeks
 - 66 days
 - 6 months
 - 66 fortnights
- The "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the 50 surviving colonists and about 90 members of what tribe?
 - the Narragansett
 - the Patuxet
 - the Wampanoag
 - all of the above
- How are cranberries tested for ripeness?
 - they're bounced: ripe ones bounce 4 inches
 - they're tasted: ripe ones are sweet and tart
 - they're inspected: ripe ones are rosy
 - they're smashed: ripe ones are juicy
- The first department store to hold a Thanksgiving Day Parade was...
 - Macy's
 - Gimbel's
 - Penney's
 - Woolworth's
- Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of a popular women's magazine at the time, began campaigning in 1827 to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. Hale is also famous for writing what poem?
 - "Over the River and through the Woods"
 - "We Gather Together"
 - "Come Ye Thankful People Come"
 - "Mary Had a Little Lamb"
- Americans consume nearly 400 million pounds of cranberries every year. What percentage is eaten during the week of Thanksgiving?
 - 20%
 - 50%
 - 72%
 - 90%
- In 1621, the chief of a neighboring tribe signed a treaty of alliance with the Pilgrims that was never broken. That chief's name was:
 - Squanto
 - Samoset
 - Massasoit
 - Sacagawea
- What is the dictionary definition of a "snood"?
 - an ornamental hairnet or fabric bag worn over the hair at the back of a woman's head
 - the flap of skin that hangs over a turkey's beak and changes color to communicate emotions
 - one of several short lines that attach hooks to the main line in sea fishing
 - all of the above
- Every Thanksgiving, the President of the US pardons a turkey who spends the rest of his life on a historical farm. Which president is believed to have started this noble tradition?
 - Washington in 1789
 - Lincoln in 1863
 - Roosevelt in 1939
 - Truman in 1947
- The countries of Canada, Germany, Granada, and Korea all celebrate Thanksgiving in October. Why does the US wait until the fourth Thursday of November to celebrate?
 - that's the day the Pilgrims first landed in Plymouth
 - so people can rest up before Black Friday sales
 - that was the date set by FDR in 1939 and approved by Congress in 1941
 - those other countries don't use the Gregorian calendar, so their dates are off by one month