

***Can I win a “Turkey” with this quiz?  
No, but you might learn a little about Thanksgiving.***

1. *Where was the first Thanksgiving? (Is this a trick question?)* \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Who were the Pilgrims?* \_\_\_\_\_

3. *How many passengers were on the Mayflower when it left Plymouth, England?*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *How many crew members?* \_\_\_\_\_

4. *What was the name of the baby born during the crossing?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Was the baby a boy or girl?* \_\_\_\_\_

5. *How many days did the journey across the Atlantic Ocean take?* \_\_\_\_\_

6. *Where did the Mayflower first land?* \_\_\_\_\_  
*On what date did the Mayflower sail to Plymouth?* \_\_\_\_\_

7. *What is the Mayflower Compact?* \_\_\_\_\_

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*How many men signed it?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Why is it important in the History of US* \_\_\_\_\_

8. *Name the first Indian to visit Plymouth.* \_\_\_\_\_

*How had he already learned to speak English?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name the Indian who was most helpful to the colonists.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Who was the tribe’s chief?* \_\_\_\_\_

9. *What did they eat at the “First” Thanksgiving in Plymouth?* \_\_\_\_\_

10. *Who urged the creation of a national Thanksgiving holiday?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Which President issued the first national proclamation?* \_\_\_\_\_

*When?* \_\_\_\_\_

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## *ANSwErS FOR: Can I win a "Turkey" with this quiz?*

1. Where was the first Thanksgiving? (Is this a trick question?) Possible answers include:

1554-French Huguenots, near present-day Jacksonville, FL; April, 1598-the Don Juan de Onate Expedition near El Paso, TX 1565-Spanish settlers at St. Augustine, FL

1607-English colonists in Popham, Maine

1610-English settlers in Jamestown, VA

1619-English settlers at the Berkeley Hundred, in VA 1621-a 'harvest' celebration at Plimoth Plantation 1623-1st known Thanksgiving observance at Plymouth

2. Who were the Pilgrims?

The Pilgrims were Separatists from the Church of England who went to Holland in 1608 and then, in 1620, returned briefly to England before beginning their journey to the New World.

3. How many passengers were on the Mayflower when it left Plymouth, England? 102

How many crew members? 26-30

4. What was the name of the baby born during the crossing? Was the baby a boy or girl?

Oceanus, a boy; another boy, Peregrine White, was born aboard ship, in Cape Cod (Provincetown) Harbor in Dec. 1620

5. How many days did the journey across the Atlantic take? 66 days

6. Where did the Mayflower first land? Cape Cod, near present day Provincetown On what date did the Mayflower sail to Plymouth? \_December 16, 1620

7. What is the Mayflower Compact?

An agreement to make just and equal laws for the general good of the colony

How many men signed it? 41 men

Why is it important in the History of US?\_

1st time in U.S. history that a group of citizens had established their own kind of government

8. Name the first Indian to visit Plymouth. \_Samoset

How had he already learned to speak English? \_From visiting English fishermen Name the

Indian who was most helpful to the colonists. \_Squanto

Who was the tribe's chief? Chief Massasoit, of the Wanpanoag

9. What did they eat at the "First" Thanksgiving in Plymouth?

Wild geese, duck, lobster, eels, clams, oysters, deer, corn, popcorn, honey, carrots, cucumbers, turnips, onions, radishes, beets, cabbages, berries, fruits

10. Who urged the creation of a national Thanksgiving holiday?

\_Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of "Godey's Ladies Book Which

Which President issued the first national proclamation? \_Abraham Lincoln When?\_ 1863

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