



# Gobble It UP!

## Teacher's Answer Guide

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### Page 1 "The First Thanksgiving" Word Bank

Historians do not all agree on when or where the first **Thanksgiving** was held. Many believe it originated in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. The first **winter** was long and cold. Many Pilgrims got sick and died. But when spring came, those who were left built **log houses** and a town hall. The Native Americans taught the Pilgrims better ways to hunt and grow foods in the new **country**, and the Pilgrims were **grateful**. Plymouth Governor William Bradford invited neighboring **Native Americans** to join the Pilgrims for a festival of fun and feasting in thankfulness for the good **harvest**. Wild **turkey**, deer, clams, corn, berries, bread, and perhaps popcorn were some of the foods that were **shared**. Games and **races** were part of the fun. The celebration lasted for **three** days.

Others believe the first **Thanksgiving** was at Jamestown, Virginia as part of an old English festival called "Harvest Home." Records tell us Captain John Smith had fought off **starvation** in Virginia as early as 1607 because Native Americans gave him corn seeds and taught him how to **plant** them.

Thanksgiving was officially proclaimed a national holiday by President **Abraham Lincoln** in 1863. It was traditionally celebrated the last Thursday in **November**, but in 1941, Congress changed it to the fourth Thursday of November. It is a time for families and friends to come together to **celebrate** the many things for which they are **thankful**.

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### Page 4 "QUIZ"

1. Many historians believe the first Thanksgiving originated in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1621.

- a. Washington, D.C.
- b. Sacramento, California
- c. **Plymouth, Massachusetts**

2. Other historians believe the first Thanksgiving was at \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Washington, D.C.
- b. **Jamestown, Virginia**
- c. Boston, Massachusetts

3. Which president made Thanksgiving a national holiday?

- a. George Washington
- b. **Abraham Lincoln**
- c. William Bradford

4. In the United States, Thanksgiving is on the \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday in November.

- a. second
- b. third
- c. **fourth**

5. Wild turkeys are native to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Europe
- b. **The Americas**
- c. Asia
- d. a & c

6. Early explorers took turkeys to \_\_\_\_\_ as early as 1519.

- a. **Spain**
- b. China
- c. England



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7. Which statement is not true?

- a. Wild turkeys can fly.
- b. Tame turkeys can fly.
- c. a & b

8. Until 1935, turkeys were raised for their \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. white meat
- b. dark meat
- c. colorful feathers
- d. All of the above

9. An average turkey farmer raises \_\_\_\_\_ birds each year.

- a. 50,000
- b. 5,000
- c. 500

10. Turkey \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. is a nutritious food
- b. is a food that can be eaten any time of the year
- c. is available in a wide range of turkey products
- d. All of the above

