

Thanksgiving Trivia for Seniors

Name _____

- 1. On which Thursday of November is Thanksgiving celebrated in the United States?**
 - A. The first
 - B. The last
 - C. The fourth

- 2. On which ship did the Pilgrims sail to America in 1620?**
 - A. Santa Maria
 - B. Mayflower
 - C. Speedwell

- 3. Which Native people shared the 1621 harvest feast with the Pilgrims?**
 - A. Wampanoag
 - B. Navajo
 - C. Cherokee

- 4. Which president proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day in 1863?**
 - A. Thomas Jefferson
 - B. Abraham Lincoln
 - C. George Washington

- 5. Which writer campaigned for a national Thanksgiving and wrote “Mary Had a Little Lamb”?**
 - A. Sarah Josepha Hale
 - B. Harriet Beecher Stowe
 - C. Louisa May Alcott

6. Which city hosts a famous Thanksgiving Day parade with giant balloons?

- A. Philadelphia
- B. New York City
- C. Boston

7. Which red berry is cooked into a Thanksgiving sauce?

- A. Cranberry
- B. Raspberry
- C. Cherry

8. Where did the Pilgrims build their colony?

- A. Boston
- B. Jamestown
- C. Plymouth

9. What is a male turkey called?

- A. A tom
- B. A drake
- C. A rooster

10. Which bone do two people pull apart to make a wish?

- A. The drumstick
- B. The backbone
- C. The wishbone

11. Which sport is traditionally on TV on Thanksgiving Day?

- A. Hockey
- B. Football
- C. Baseball

12. In which month does Canada celebrate Thanksgiving?

- A. October
- B. September
- C. November

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

- A. Herbert Hoover
- B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- C. Harry S. Truman

14. Which pie is the classic Thanksgiving dessert?

- A. Lemon
- B. Key lime
- C. Pumpkin

15. What is a group of turkeys usually called?

- A. A pack
- B. A herd
- C. A flock

16. Where does the President “pardon” a turkey each year?

- A. The White House
- B. Plymouth Rock
- C. The Capitol

17. About how many passengers sailed on the Mayflower?

- A. About 500
- B. About 100
- C. About 30

18. What is the horn-shaped basket of fruit that symbolizes the harvest?

- A. Cornucopia
- B. Hamper
- C. Bushel

19. Which bread-based side dish is often cooked inside the turkey?

- A. Biscuits
- B. Cornbread
- C. Stuffing

20. Benjamin Franklin wrote that he preferred which bird to the bald eagle?

- A. The turkey
- B. The owl
- C. The robin

Answer Key

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| 1. C. The fourth | 11. B. Football |
| 2. B. Mayflower | 12. A. October |
| 3. A. Wampanoag | 13. B. Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| 4. B. Abraham Lincoln | 14. C. Pumpkin |
| 5. A. Sarah Josepha Hale | 15. C. A flock |
| 6. B. New York City | 16. A. The White House |
| 7. A. Cranberry | 17. B. About 100 |
| 8. C. Plymouth | 18. A. Cornucopia |
| 9. A. A tom | 19. C. Stuffing |
| 10. C. The wishbone | 20. A. The turkey |