

# Thanksgiving Trivia: History & Feast Facts

## Thanksgiving History

1. In what year was the first Thanksgiving celebrated?
2. Which Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?
3. What year did Thanksgiving become a national holiday in the United States?
4. Which U.S. president made Thanksgiving a national holiday?
5. Where was the first Thanksgiving feast held?
6. How long did the first Thanksgiving feast last?
7. Which U.S. president first proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving?
8. What was the name of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America?
9. About how many Pilgrims survived the first winter in the New World?
10. What was the name of the Pilgrim leader who served as governor of Plymouth Colony for 30 years?

## Food & Feast Facts

1. Which food was not likely served at the first Thanksgiving — turkey, pumpkin pie, or cranberry sauce?
2. What meat did the Native Americans bring to the first Thanksgiving feast?
3. What utensil was not used at the first Thanksgiving?
4. Which U.S. state produces the most turkeys each year?
5. What percentage of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving?
6. How many pounds of turkey does the average American eat on Thanksgiving Day?
7. What traditional Thanksgiving dish is made from bread, herbs, and broth?
8. What dessert is most commonly served at Thanksgiving?
9. What side dish is known as a “casserole classic” combining green beans, cream of mushroom soup, and crispy onions?
10. What’s the most popular Thanksgiving pie flavor after pumpkin?

# Thanksgiving Trivia: Pop Culture & Oddities

## Pop Culture & Traditions

1. What is the name of the famous Thanksgiving Day parade held in New York City?
2. What year was the first Thanksgiving Day parade in NYC?
3. Which character was the first balloon featured in the NYC parade?
4. Which professional sport is traditionally played on Thanksgiving Day?
5. Which NFL team has hosted the most Thanksgiving Day games?
6. What popular sitcom features a famous “turkey on the head” episode?
7. What character in this sitcom famously wore a turkey on their head?
8. What movie features a memorable Thanksgiving travel fiasco starring Steve Martin and John Candy?
9. What famous cartoon dog has his own Thanksgiving special that first aired in 1973?
10. What year did Black Friday become a common term for the day after Thanksgiving?

## Fun Facts & Oddities

1. How many feathers does the average adult turkey have?
2. What is a baby turkey called?
3. What is the red, fleshy growth that hangs down from a turkey’s neck called?
4. True or False: Turkeys can fly short distances.
5. What state was the first to adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday before it became national?
6. What’s the name of the Native American who taught the Pilgrims to plant corn?
7. What is the name of the turkey that receives the official presidential pardon each year?
8. What animal did Benjamin Franklin want to be the national bird instead of the eagle?
9. What do most Americans say they’re most thankful for?
10. What month is Thanksgiving celebrated in Canada?

# Answers: Thanksgiving Trivia

## Thanksgiving History

1. 1621
2. The Wampanoag Tribe
3. 1863
4. Abraham Lincoln
5. Plymouth, Massachusetts
6. Three days
7. George Washington
8. Mayflower
9. About half
10. William Bradford

## Food & Feast Facts

1. Pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce
2. Venison
3. Forks
4. Minnesota
5. Around 88%
6. 16 pounds
7. Stuffing (or dressing)
8. Pumpkin pie
9. Green bean casserole
10. Apple pie

## Pop Culture & Traditions

1. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
2. 1924
3. Felix the Cat
4. Football
5. Detroit Lions
6. Friends
7. Monica Geller (or Joey Tribbiani)
8. Planes, Trains and Automobiles
9. Snoopy
10. 1980s

## Fun Facts & Oddities

1. Around 3,500
2. Poults
3. Wattle
4. True
5. New York
6. Squanto
7. Liberty
8. Turkey
9. Family and health
10. October