

Answers:

I. Listen to the article about Thanksgiving and answer the questions.

- 1: The first Thanksgiving in America was in 1621.
- 2: Teachers tell of the pilgrims' arrival, of how they survived due to the generosity of a local Native American tribe, and of how the two different peoples sat down and shared the new harvest meal in friendship.
- 3: With numerous immigrants arriving from all over the world, the tale helped provide a common national identity.
- 4: The pilgrims had fled religious persecution back in England.
- 5: The first Thanksgiving was simply an autumn festival, which many cultures have celebrated throughout history. Contrary to popular stories, the festival lasted nearly a week instead of one day. It also consisted of many meals, not just one.
- 6: The holiday always falls on the fourth Thursday of November.
- 7: The holiday has picked up the name "Turkey Day."
- 8: People eat turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.
- 9: There is a three-hour parade with floats, giant balloons of cartoon characters, and marching bands.
- 10: After dinner, families glue themselves to the TV for football.

IV. Answer the questions.

1. b (In the USA it is celebrated on the last Thursday of November. In Canada it is celebrated on the second Monday in October)

2. c (It is a harvest feast; colonists wanted to celebrate the first harvest)

3. b

4. b

5. a

6. c

7. c

8. a

9. c

10. c (President Abraham Lincoln declared two national Thanksgivings; one in August to commemorate the Battle of Gettysburg and the other in November to give thanks for "general blessings.")