

Centro Escolar Metropolitano

Test.

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

Date: _____ Points: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Objective:

- At the end of this evaluation, students will be able to recognize one of the most famous festivals in the United States.
- At the end of this evaluation, students will be able to read an article and demonstrate reading comprehension skills.
- At the end of this evaluation, students will be able to answer questions after reading a text.

Instruction:

Read the article "The origins and meaning of Thanksgiving", then answer the questions that appear after the text.

The origins and meaning of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is one of the most important holidays in the United States and Canada. Unlike many other American holidays, Thanksgiving isn't about gifts, fireworks show, or games, it's about being with family, and giving thanks and celebrating your blessings. Christians pray and give thanks to God but many non-Christian Americans celebrate Thanksgiving too.



The modern Thanksgiving holiday is based on the Thanksgiving harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims, who were early English settlers. The Pilgrims landed in Plymouth Bay in modern-day Massachusetts in 1620. They celebrated Thanksgiving after their first successful harvest in 1621.

That first holiday lasted for three days, and was attended by both Pilgrim settlers and Native Americans and celebrated the friendship between them. During the previous winter, the Pilgrims had struggled to survive. Their crops had died in the sandy soil and they had trouble finding food. The winter in Massachusetts was much harsher than the winters back in England. Half the Pilgrims died and many more were at risk of dying. The local Native Americans provided the Pilgrims with food and supplies during the winter. The next summer, they also taught the Pilgrims several important survival skills, such as how to grow corn and catch eel. This festival marked one of the first friendly exchanges between European settlers and Native Americans.

Historically, Thanksgiving was celebrated at a time when most farmers were finished harvesting their crops. They would have a big dinner with their family and closest friends to celebrate their blessings and harvests. President Abraham Lincoln later established the tradition of a national and annual Thanksgiving holiday.

Indication:

After reading the article “The origins and meaning of Thanksgiving”, analyze the following questions and answer according to the article. All answers are in the article.

1- Thanksgiving is one of the holidays celebrated in:

2- What activities are held on Thanksgiving Day? _____

3- Who were the first to start the Thanksgiving holiday? _____

4- In which place did the Pilgrims disembark: _____
which is currently the State of: _____

5- In what year was Thanksgiving celebrated for the first time and how many days did it last: _____

6- What kinds of problems did the pilgrims go through in the winter? _____

7- What did the Native Americans provide for the pilgrims in the winter? _____

8- What did the Native Americans teach the Pilgrims in the summer? _____

9- Which president was the one who established Thanksgiving as a national holiday?

10- Among whom the festival marked one of the first friendly exchanges? _____
