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THANKSGIVING HISTORY

Directions: What do you know about the Thanksgiving holiday? At the Web site given, read about the history of Thanksgiving from 1621 to 2001. Then read each question below. Three possible answers appear below each question. Make an X on the line before each correct answer.

Web Resources:

Pilgrim Hall Museum

http://www.pilgrimhall.org/f_thanks.htm



1. Why was the Pilgrim's first corn crop such a successful one?
____ a. Squanto had given the Pilgrims planting tips
____ b. The Pilgrims planted corn in hills
____ c. They used fish as fertilizer
____ d. All of the above
2. In 1621, the Pilgrims gathered for a feast, which has since come to be known as the "first Thanksgiving." Why was that feast held?
____ a. to celebrate the wedding of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins
____ b. to celebrate the completion of the Plimoth Colony's first church
____ c. to celebrate the Pilgrims' first harvest
3. About how many people attended the first Thanksgiving?
____ a. 50
____ b. 140
____ c. 25
4. Who issued the first proclamation making Thanksgiving an annual national holiday?
____ a. George Washington
____ b. Abraham Lincoln
____ c. James Madison
5. On what day of each year is Thanksgiving celebrated in the United States?
____ a. fourth Thursday in November
____ b. last Thursday in November
____ c. Thursday, November 22

Something to Think About: When do you think Thanksgiving should be celebrated? Why?

Learn More: Go to The 1621 Thanksgiving at

<http://www.mayflowerhistory.com/History/thanksgiving.php> and read about the foods available to the Pilgrims in 1621. Create a possible menu for the first Thanksgiving feast.