

SMART STUFF

Directions: Have fun honing multiple-choice test-taking skills. Divide the class into two teams to play Smart Stuff. Score 5 points for each correct answer. Or, use Smart Stuff as a research activity. Students may research categories in groups or individually.

WORLD AND GEOGRAPHY

- In which present-day state did the Pilgrims first settle?
 - New York
 - Rhode Island
 - Massachusetts
- What country were the Pilgrims from?
 - the United States
 - the Soviet Union
 - Great Britain
- Which Native American tribe did the Pilgrims first encounter?
 - Aztec
 - Cherokee
 - Wampanoag
- What did the phrase "Manifest Destiny" refer to?
 - the struggles of the Pilgrims
 - the rights of Native Americans to own land
 - continental expansion by the United States
- The colony of Jamestown was founded in 1607 in which present-day state?
 - New York
 - Virginia
 - Rhode Island
- The pilgrims landed in 1620 aboard what ship?
 - Santa María*
 - USS Constitution*
 - Mayflower*
- Why did the Pilgrims move to the new country?
 - to discover new islands
 - to escape religious persecution
 - to get rich
- Who declared an official Thanksgiving celebration in 1789?
 - John Smith
 - George Washington
 - Grover Cleveland
- In which year was Thanksgiving written into law as a national holiday?
 - 1776
 - 1900
 - 1941

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Which president is not a *Mayflower* descendant?
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - James Carter
 - George W. Bush
- What sport is a part of modern-day Thanksgiving celebrations?
 - soccer
 - baseball
 - football
- Who did Pocahontas first befriend?
 - Roger Williams
 - John Smith
 - John Rolfe

- Which statement is not true about Pocahontas?
 - She brought food from the Indians.
 - She helped save the lives of the colonists.
 - She married John Smith
- Native Americans used a stick, a net, and a ball to play an early form of what sport?
 - baseball
 - golf
 - lacrosse

THANKSGIVING FEAST

- What traditional Thanksgiving food did the Pilgrims think was poisonous?
 - potato
 - corn
 - pumpkin
- Thanksgiving always falls on which day of the week?
 - Tuesday
 - Wednesday
 - Thursday
- What is maize?
 - a sport
 - a crop
 - a tool
- What crop did settler John Rolfe cultivate in America?
 - wheat
 - tobacco
 - cotton
- What didn't the Pilgrims eat during their three-day Thanksgiving feast?
 - venison
 - pumpkin pie
 - fish

HISTORY

- What was the purpose of the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving feast?
 - to celebrate the end of war with the Native Americans
 - to celebrate the harvest after a harsh winter
 - to celebrate their arrival in Plymouth