

THANKSGIVING

Trivia Game - Part 1

1. Name the top 10 favorite foods most commonly served at Thanksgiving?

Answer: Turkey, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cornbread, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, squash, corn, green bean casserole.

2. What foods were thought to be served at the first Thanksgiving?

Answer: Waterfowl, venison, lobster, clams, cranberries, fruit, pumpkin, corn, and squash

3. What foods are known as the “Three Sisters” and why the name?

Answer: Corn, beans, and squash. In many Native American communities, these are staple crops grown, and are known as the “three sisters”. They are planted together, and each helps the other to grow. The cornstalks provide a natural trellis for the beans to climb up. The beans pull nitrogen from the air and bring it to the soil for the benefit of all three. The large squash leaves spread below to prevent weeds and keep moisture in the soil. And, when cooked together in a meal, they provide complete nutrition!

4. When was the first Thanksgiving feast held by the colonists?

Answer: In November 1621, after the Pilgrims’ first corn harvest proved successful, the Governor William Bradford organized a celebration feast with the Native Americans who helped them to survive – including the Wampanoag tribe and their Chief Massasoit.

5. What President created Thanksgiving as an official holiday?

Answer: In 1863, President Lincoln set Thanksgiving as an official holiday to be celebrated on the 4th Thursday of November every year as an effort to unify the country during the Civil War. In 1939, President Franklin D Roosevelt agreed to move it to the 3rd Thursday of November.

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