**THE REAL STORY OF THANKSGIVING**

Please answer these questions as you watch the documentary and disprove some common beliefs about Thanksgiving

**The Importance of Turkey**

1. “The star at 46 million Thanksgiving tables will be what is arguably the world’s ugliest bird” What bird are we talking about here?
2. How long does it take a turkey to become fully mature (groan up)?
3. What percentage of Americas eat turkey every Thanksgiving?
4. There is a belief that eating turkey can make you sleepy. What are the REAL reasons why people sometimes get sleepy after eating Thanksgiving day meal?
5. Why is TURKEY the main dish associated with Thanksgiving?
6. Which of America’s founding fathers actually suggested the TURKEY should be our national symbol, not the bald eagle?
7. “The typical American consumes about 3600 calories a day. But on Thanksgiving, that can balloon to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calories, more than 2 ½ times t healthy limit?

**Travel for Thanksgiving**

1. On the Friday after Thanksgiving, there are twice as many calls to plumbers than any other day of the year. Why?
2. The day before Thanksgiving is NOT the most traveled day of the year. What day is
3. In the 19th Century, people rarely traveled more than 50 miles from home. What technological advancement changed this?

**THE TRUTH ABOUT THE OLD STORY OF THANKSGIVING**

1. Why do we know so little about the accounts of the First Thanksgiving?
2. “Like many frontier cultures, the Pilgrims believed that surviving hinged on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
3. What does “communal rule” mean and why was it important for the Pilgrims?
4. How did the Indians help the Pilgrims after the grain seeds Pilgrims brought did not grow in the sandy soil?
5. We have been told Pilgrims ate cranberries, pumpkins and Turkey but that may ot be true as it is not mentioned in the only source we have for information. What sort of foods were really eaten at the feast?
6. The Indians we not really invited to the feast. What did the Pilgrims do that got their attention and alarmed them?

**WHERE THANKSGIVING STARTED**

1. What is the difference between a FEASTING and a FASTING?
2. Why do you think the religious holiday of reflecting on Gods blessings ended up being celebrated in the Fall season?
3. We think that Thanksgiving has been around long before our country was formed, but really Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a legal national holiday since the year \_\_\_\_,
4. Sarah Hale had a great deal to do with the establishment of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Why did she insist it would be celebrated on a Thursday?
5. As the Civil War divided out nation, which President felt that Thanksgiving would help bring us back together?

**PARADES**

1. For how many years has the Macy’s day parade marched through the streets of Manhattan (New York City)?
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million people view the parade in New York City and another \_\_\_\_\_\_million watch on TV at home
3. The original Thanksgiving parade was not held in New York City, but in what city in 1920?
4. What did they do with the balloons after the original parades? Why did they stop doing this?