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Thanksgiving - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Why did the Pilgrims travel to the New World?

- A. They wanted to explore Plymouth.
- ☒ B. They wanted to pray their own way.
- C. They were forced to leave England.
- D. They were invited by Native Americans.

2. Some of the colonists joined the trip hoping for

- ☒ A. the opportunity to get rich.
- B. the opportunity to learn to fish and hunt.
- C. the opportunity to learn about Native American culture.
- D. the opportunity to start a new religion.

3. What is the name of the ship the colonists sailed in September 1620?

- A. the *Sunflower*
- ☒ C. the *Mayflower*
- B. the *Plymouth*
- D. the *Massachusetts*

4. The first winter in Plymouth was hard, so the colonists

- A. went back to England.
- ☒ B. stayed on their ship.
- C. moved in with Native Americans.
- D. built a town on the shore.

5. What skills did Squanto use to help the colonists?

- A. cooking skills
- ☒ C. interpretation skills
- B. sewing skills
- D. ship-building skills

6. True or False: Members of the Wampanoag tribe helped the colonists survive.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

7. What did the colonists and the Native Americans do after the autumn harvest of 1621?

- A. They promised to share autumn harvests with nearby Native Americans forever.
- B. They promised to live peacefully with nearby Native Americans forever.
- C. They had a week long carnival.
- ☒ D. They had a three-day feast.

8. Which foods were probably a part of the first Thanksgiving feast?

- ☒ A. fowl, deer, mussels and ducks
- B. turkey, candy corn, biscuits and pecan pie
- C. steak, stuffing, peppers and pears
- D. lamb, clams, cranberries and apple pie

9. Why did the colonists celebrate the first Thanksgiving?

- A. to learn to plant corn to eat
- ☒ B. to express gratitude after the autumn harvest
- C. to learn to cook fowl for a feast
- D. to express sadness after the hard winter

10. True or False: All colonists and Native American tribes got along.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False