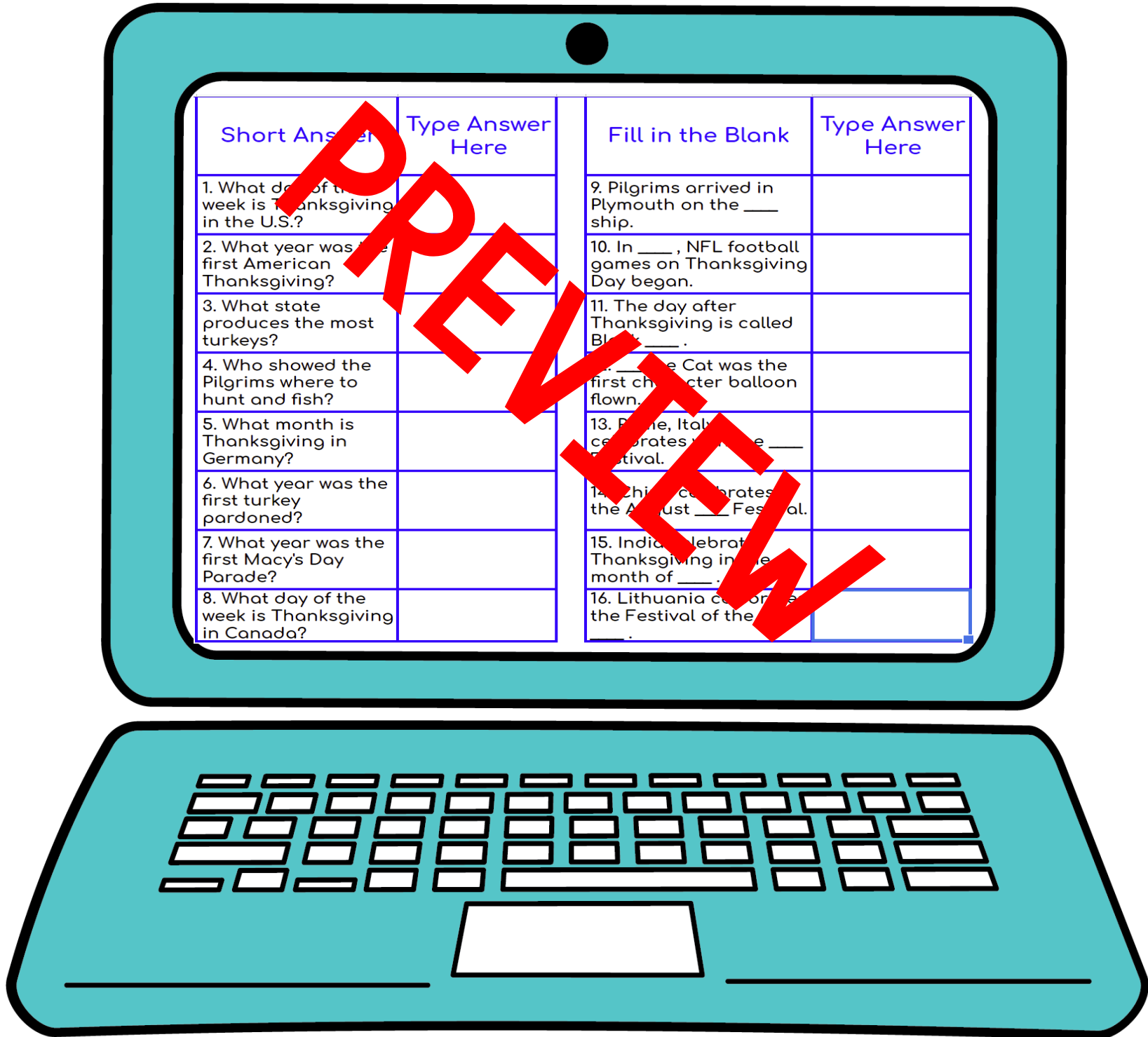
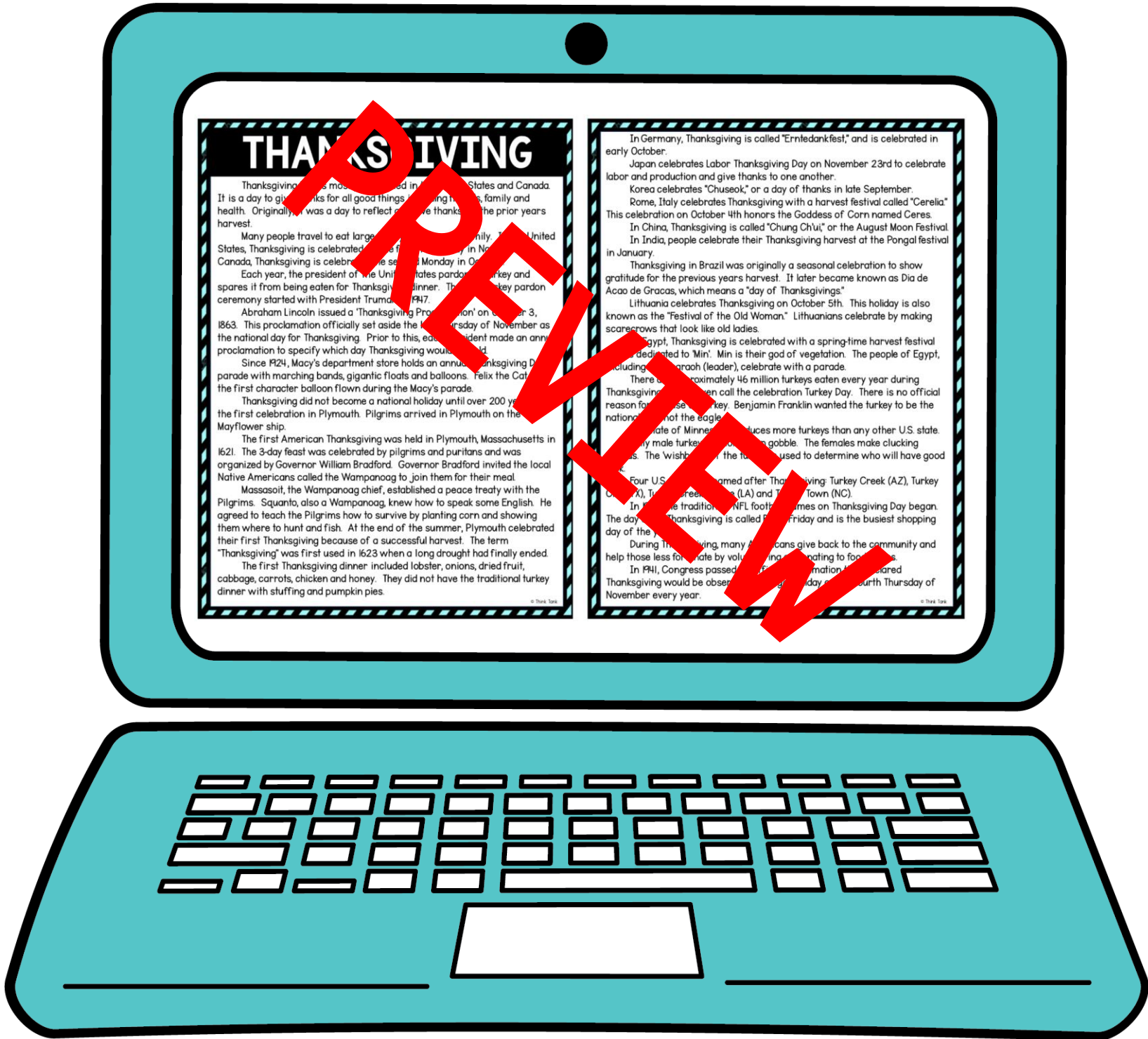


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# THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is most commonly celebrated in the United States and Canada. It is a day to give thanks for all good things, including health, family and health. Originally, it was a day to reflect on the thanks for the prior years harvest.

Many people travel to eat large dinners with family. In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. In Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday in October.

Each year, the president of the United States pardons a turkey and spares it from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey pardon ceremony started with President Truman in 1947.

Abraham Lincoln issued a "Thanksgiving Proclamation" on October 3, 1863. This proclamation officially set aside the fourth Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. Prior to this, each president made an annual proclamation to specify which day Thanksgiving would be held.

Since 1924, Macy's department store holds an annual Thanksgiving Day parade with marching bands, gigantic floats and balloons. Felix the Cat is the first character balloon flown during the Macy's parade.

Thanksgiving did not become a national holiday until over 200 years after the first celebration in Plymouth. Pilgrims arrived in Plymouth on the Mayflower ship.

The first American Thanksgiving was held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. The 3-day feast was celebrated by pilgrims and puritans and was organized by Governor William Bradford. Governor Bradford invited the local Native Americans called the Wampanoag to join them for their meal.

Massasoit, the Wampanoag chief, established a peace treaty with the Pilgrims. Squanto, also a Wampanoag, knew how to speak some English. He agreed to teach the Pilgrims how to survive by planting corn and showing them where to hunt and fish. At the end of the summer, Plymouth celebrated their first Thanksgiving because of a successful harvest. The term "Thanksgiving" was first used in 1623 when a long drought had finally ended.

The first Thanksgiving dinner included lobster, onions, dried fruit, cabbage, carrots, chicken and honey. They did not have the traditional turkey dinner with stuffing and pumpkin pies.

In Germany, Thanksgiving is called "Erntedankfest," and is celebrated in early October.

Japan celebrates Labor Thanksgiving Day on November 23rd to celebrate labor and production and give thanks to one another.

Korea celebrates "Chuseok," or a day of thanks in late September. Rome, Italy celebrates Thanksgiving with a harvest festival called "Cerealia." This celebration on October 4th honors the Goddess of Corn named Ceres.

In China, Thanksgiving is called "Chung Ch'ü," or the August Moon Festival. In India, people celebrate their Thanksgiving harvest at the Pongal festival in January.

Thanksgiving in Brazil was originally a seasonal celebration to show gratitude for the previous years harvest. It later became known as Dia de Acao de Gracias, which means a "day of Thanksgivings."

Lithuania celebrates Thanksgiving on October 5th. This holiday is also known as the "Festival of the Old Woman." Lithuanians celebrate by making scarecrows that look like old ladies.

In Egypt, Thanksgiving is celebrated with a spring-time harvest festival dedicated to Min. Min is their god of vegetation. The people of Egypt, including the pharaoh (leader), celebrate with a parade.

There are approximately 46 million turkeys eaten every year during Thanksgiving. In the United States, the celebration is called Turkey Day. There is no official reason for the name Turkey. Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.

The state of Minnesota produces more turkeys than any other U.S. state. Only male turkeys make a gobble. The females make clucking sounds. The wishbone is the turkey's wishbone used to determine who will have good luck.

Four U.S. states are named after Thanksgiving: Turkey Creek (AZ), Turkey Creek (TX), Turkey Creek (LA) and Turkey Town (NC).

In 1963, the tradition of NFL football games on Thanksgiving Day began. The day after Thanksgiving is called Black Friday and is the busiest shopping day of the year.

During Thanksgiving, many Americans give back to the community and help those less fortunate by volunteering or donating to food banks.

In 1941, Congress passed a law that Thanksgiving would be observed on the fourth Thursday of November every year.

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