

Turkey Tracking



Thanksgiving became a recurring national holiday in 1941, but the celebration of Thanksgiving in the United States had been developing for more than 100 years. Decide if the following statements about the holiday that now occurs on the fourth Thursday every November are true or false.

1. Thanksgiving was the first holiday honoring Pilgrim founders to be widely celebrated outside of New England.

- True False

2. George Washington declared the first national Thanksgiving observance.

- True False

3. By 1860, 30 states and six territories in the U.S. regularly celebrated Thanksgiving.

- True False

4. Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November, 1863, a national Thanksgiving. This was the first official Thanksgiving celebrated during the Civil War.

- True False

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Baker, James W. *Thanksgiving: The Biography of an American Holiday*. Lebanon, NH: UP of New England, 2009.

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