

THANKSGIVING AROUND THE WORLD ANTICIPATION GUIDE

Read each statement and decide if it is True or False. Complete the left column before the reading by circling the T for True or the F for False. Complete the right column after you finish the reading. Did any of your answers change?

BEFORE READING		STATEMENT	AFTER READING	
T	F	The Canadian Thanksgiving was celebrated to give thanks to King Edward VII.	T	F
T	F	For the spring-time harvest festival is dedicated to 'Inti'.	T	F
T	F	Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated in America on the third Thursday in November.	T	F
T	F	The harvest celebration in Germany is celebrated in September or October.	T	F
T	F	Lithuania celebrates Thanksgiving on October 5th.	T	F
T	F	Pongal is celebrated in five days.	T	F
T	F	The ceremony in Egypt also honors twins and triplets in the community.	T	F
T	F	Canadians decorate churches with cornucopias.	T	F
T	F	Lithuanians celebrate by making scarecrows that look like old ladies.	T	F

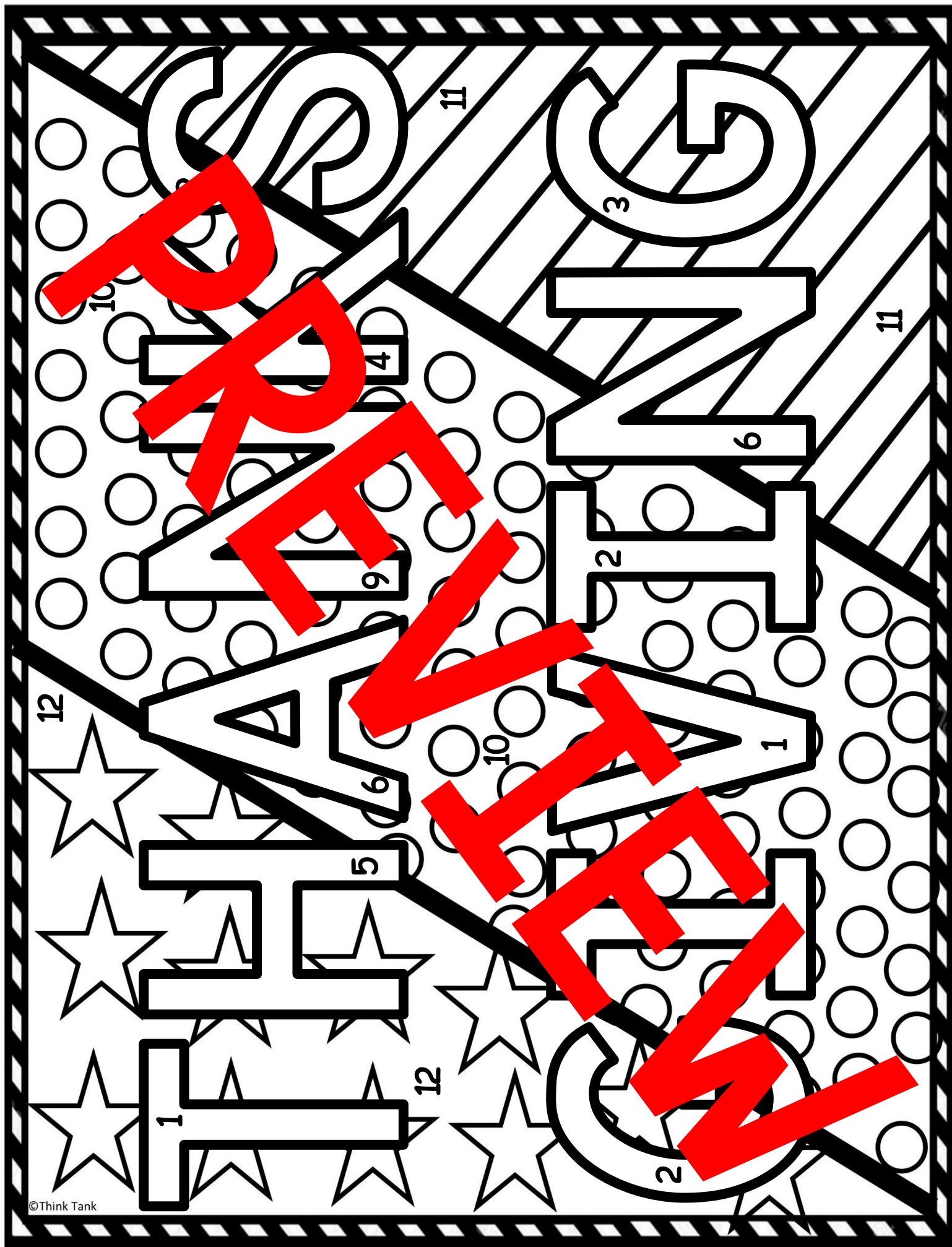
DID YOU KNOW?

In 1621, the number of people who were at the very first American Thanksgiving dinner was 100.

Thanksgiving Around the World Name: _____

Answer the questions below. Then on the coloring page, color each numbered section with the corresponding color. If there is any space left over, color it your choice! Follow the directions provided to cite evidence from the reading.

Questions	Text Evidence	Answer
#1 After harvest, Egyptian farmers would pretend to ____.	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in PURPLE	Laugh RED
#2 Which country has bobas?	Find proof in the reading and <u>CIRCLE</u> it in GREEN	Lithuania BLUE STRIPES
#3 The people of South India celebrate ____.	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in RED	Pasteur ORANGE
#4 In Ghana, which crop is grown?	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in YELLOW	Corn ORANGE
#5 Which country celebrates the Cornucopia festival?	Find proof in the reading and <u>CIRCLE</u> it in ORANGE	Ghana BROWN
#6 What does the salty center yolk in Chinese represent?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in PURPLE	Full Moon GREEN STRIPES



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GERMANY: The harvest celebration in Germany is celebrated in September and October. It is mainly a religious holiday to pay tribute to the work accomplished in the fields and gardens of Germany. The day begins with a sermon and a traditional harvest crown being presented to the harvest queen. The harvest Thanksgiving festival is called Erntedankfest. The remainder of the day is spent dancing, eating fruits and vegetables and listening to music. Unlike the United States, it is not a big day for family gathering. Any leftover or unused food is given to those in need. In Germany, they eat chicken rather than turkey. In some parts of Germany, there will be lantern and bonfire made in the evening, followed by fireworks.

CHINA: On the 15th day of the eighth lunar cycle, families gather to celebrate the autumn harvest festival. The Chinese celebrate with a large three-day feast with family. The feast usually includes mooncakes. Mooncakes are filled with duck eggs, seed, lotus seeds and a salty yolk in the center. The salty center yolk represents a full moon. Gazing at the moon is one of the main activities of the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. The festival is a time to worship and celebrate the moon. Children also like to make lanterns for the holiday.

LITHUANIA: Lithuania celebrates Thanksgiving on October 5th. This holiday is also known as the "Festival of the Good Woman". Lithuanians celebrate by making scarecrows that look like old ladies. Scarecrows are called Bobas in Lithuania. People eat breads and sing a baidigai song. The song tells a story about a bison that tried to eat the old crop before being defeated by the people.

BRAZIL: 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". Religious leaders in Brazil were inspired by the U.S. holiday traditions. Similar to the United States, families gather to enjoy main dinner dishes which include turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie.

GHANA: In Ghana, yams are a major crop and have the harvest festival called Homowo. The people of Ghana gather together to thank the spirits for a successful harvest. A ceremony kicks off the festival which honors loved ones