



THANKSGIVING 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	Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird.	T	F
T	F	Most states celebrate Thanksgiving in November.	T	F
T	F	Thanksgiving used to be on a different day every year.	T	F
T	F	Samuel was the first balloon in the Macy's parade.	T	F
T	F	The first U.S. Thanksgiving was 3 days long.	T	F
T	F	The first Thanksgiving dinner included lobster.	T	F
T	F	The first Thanksgiving dinner included turkey.	T	F
T	F	There are NFL games on Thanksgiving Day.	T	F
T	F	The day after Thanksgiving is called Family Day.	T	F

DID YOU KNOW?

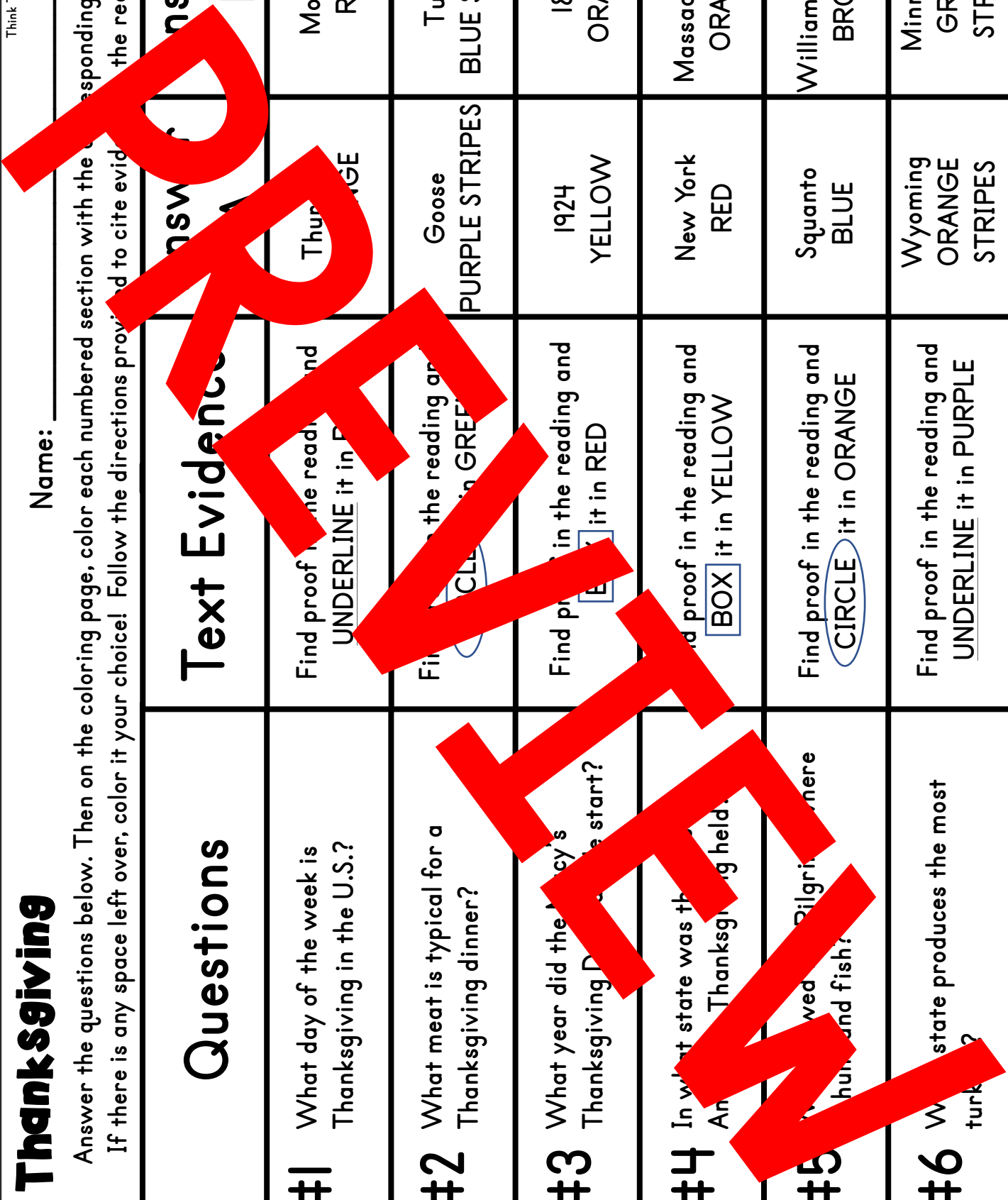
The first Thanksgiving included fifty Pilgrims and ninety Native Americans.

Thanksgiving

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 What day of the week is Thanksgiving in the U.S.?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in RED .	Monday RED
#2 What meat is typical for a Thanksgiving dinner?	Find proof in the reading and <u>CIRCLE</u> it in GREEN .	Turkey BLUE STRIPES
#3 What year did the Pilgrims start Thanksgiving?	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in RED .	1824 ORANGE
#4 In what state was Thanksgiving held?	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in YELLOW .	Massachusetts ORANGE
#5 What did the Pilgrims have for dinner and fish?	Find proof in the reading and <u>CIRCLE</u> it in ORANGE .	William Bradford BROWN
#6 Which state produces the most turkeys?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in PURPLE .	Minnesota GREEN STRIPES



THANKSGIVING

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

Many people travel to eat large turkey dinners with family. In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. In Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated 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 first 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 last Thursday of November as the national day of 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, giant float balloons. Felix the Cat was the first character balloon float in 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 the pilgrims and Native Americans 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.

"Thanksgiving" was first used in 1623 when a long drought had finally ended.

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