

# Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

## The Very First Thanksgiving CCSS Assessment

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### Directions:

Use what you know about *The Very First Thanksgiving Day* to answer each of the following questions.

1. Which of these is a key detail in understanding how the Pilgrims were able to survive in this new land?

- A The Pilgrims built their homes in straight rows.
- B The Pilgrims sailed over the ocean on a ship called the *Mayflower*.
- C The Indians (Native Americans) taught them how to grow food.
- D The winters were long.

2. What real event does this story tell?

- A It tells the story of the first Thanksgiving in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- B It tells the story of the first town in America.
- C It is a story about why we have turkey on Thanksgiving.
- D It tells how the people who came on the *Mayflower* did not survive their first winter.

3. What was the first challenge the Pilgrims faced on their trip to the unknown land?

- A They had to cook a very big meal for the first Thanksgiving.
- B They had to sail across a very large and dangerous ocean.
- C They had to survive the long winter in their new home.
- D They had to make friends with the Indians (Native Americans).

4. The author made the story more interesting by telling it backwards and then forwards again. What else did she do to make it more interesting to read?

- A She used sound effects.
- B She repeated the same words.
- C She only wrote phrases.
- D She wrote it like a poem.

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5. What had to happen in order for the Pilgrims and Indians to celebrate the first Thanksgiving? (RL.2.5)

- A The Pilgrims had brought enough food for everyone on the *Mayflower*.
- B They only invited some of the families.
- C The Pilgrims had to learn to farm, build homes, and be friendly with the Indians.
- D They had to buy all the supplies from the Indians.

6. The Pilgrims were brave to sail across the ocean to an unknown land. Who else in the story was brave, and how? (RL.2.6)

- A The Indians were brave to help these new and different people on their land.
- B The children were brave to eat the cooked wild turkey.
- C The women were brave to cook for so many people.
- D The Pilgrims showed their bravery by building so many homes.

7. What can we learn about the first Thanksgiving from the words and illustrations? (RL.2.7)

- A Not many people celebrated the first Thanksgiving.
- B The first Thanksgiving was a huge feast for the whole town and the Indians.
- C They celebrated during the winter in the snow.
- D The Indians invited the Pilgrims to their village for Thanksgiving.

8. How is the first Thanksgiving similar to the Thanksgiving many of us celebrate now? (RL.2.9)

- A We all still grow our own food and hunt our own turkeys.
- B We celebrate with huge feasts for the whole town outside.
- C Just like back then, we all go shopping right after we are done eating.
- D We celebrate to show thanks for what we have and what we have done.

9. What kind of text is *The Very First Thanksgiving Day*? (RL.2.10)

- A fiction based in history
- B a story
- C poetry
- D All of the above answers.

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One question for each Reading  
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Answer Key

