Question Sheet



Player copy • Write your answers. The small Q references match the article.

01 Q1 Which date did the Continental Congress recommend for its 1777 day of thanksgiving?

02 Q2 Who signed the November 1777 Thanksgiving recommendation as president of Congress?

03 Q10 Which magazine title did Hale use to identify her editorial role in the letter?

04 Q12 Which official did Hale say she had asked to confer with President Lincoln?

05 Q14 On what November date did Hale calculate the last Thursday would fall in 1863?

06 Q15 Why did Hale ask for an immediate rather than a late proclamation?

07 Q26 What Vermont military post housed the cook in Rockwell’s Thanksgiving Day Blues cover?

08 Q27 In which country is the child pictured in Rockwell’s 1943 Refugee Thanksgiving?

Matching Answer Key



Host copy • Match each number to the player sheet before awarding points.

01 **December 18, 1777.**

Q1 The November date at the head of the text is the date of Congress's action. The observance it recommended was in the following month.

02 **Henry Laurens.**

Q2 The title describes his position in the Continental Congress. The Constitution's presidency did not yet exist.

03 **The Lady's Book.**

Q10 Accept Godey's Lady's Book. Hale's editorial position helps explain how she had been campaigning among a national readership.

04 **William H. Seward.**

Q12 She points to an intermediary in her letter, while still addressing the request for action directly to the president.

05 **November 26.**

Q14 This is a specific calendar date in her letter. It does not by itself establish a permanent federal rule.

06 **To reach states before governors fixed their observances.**

Q15 She was trying to coordinate decisions on a practical deadline. A national recommendation arriving too late might miss the state appointments.

07 **Fort Ethan Allen.**

Q26 The magazine ties the picture to an article on a military cook’s work. The subject and location distinguish it from Rockwell’s other Thanksgiving kitchens.

08 **Italy.**

Q27 A soldier’s coat shelters the girl in this wartime image. The scene offers a very different context for gratitude from a dining room in the United States.

Quick Questions and Answers



Read a question aloud, pause for guesses, then share the printed answer.

01 Q3 **To which authorities did the 1777 Congress direct its recommendation to set a day apart?**

Answer: The states' legislative or executive authorities.

02 Q7 **What method did the two houses of Congress use to ask Washington for a proclamation in 1789?**

Answer: A joint committee.

03 Q9 **From which city did Sarah Josepha Hale date her 1863 letter urging Lincoln to act on Thanksgiving?**

Answer: Philadelphia.

04 Q18 **What two mined resources does Lincoln name before referring more generally to precious metals?**

Answer: Iron and coal.

05 Q21 **What particular quirk of November 1939 prompted Roosevelt's concern about the shopping season?**

Answer: Its last Thursday was also the last day of November.

06 Q23 **Which chamber of Congress supplied the amendment replacing “last” with “fourth” in the holiday rule?**

Answer: The Senate.

Cut-Out Trivia Cards



Cut on dashed borders. Fold each answer strip back before passing the cards.

CARD 01 / ARTICLE Q11

Which two governors' letters did Hale say she enclosed for Lincoln?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Nathaniel Banks and Edwin Morgan.

CARD 02 / ARTICLE Q20

Which cabinet office appears beneath Lincoln's name on the proclamation?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Secretary of State.

CARD 03 / ARTICLE Q25

In what month of 1941 did the House first pass its version of the resolution?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

October.

CARD 04 / ARTICLE Q28

In what medium did Rockwell create the original Freedom from Want?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Oil on canvas.