Question Sheet



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

01 Q3
Which president made a formal turkey pardon part of the ceremony in 1989?

02 Q5
Who selects the names of the National Thanksgiving Turkey and its alternate?

03 Q9
On which avenue does the Buffalo YMCA describe costumed trotters running?

04 Q13
Where in Plymouth did the 2020 orientation tell attendees to gather?

05 Q16
What is the name of StoryCorps' Thanksgiving oral-history initiative?

06 Q18
Must a Great Thanksgiving Listen interviewee be a grandparent?

07 Q20
Which Library of Congress center houses the StoryCorps archive?

08 Q22
Who is the gathering primarily organized around at a Friendsgiving?

Matching Answer Key



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

01 George H. W. Bush.

Q3 The federation dates the recurring pardon language to this appearance. His announcement assured the attendees that the bird would be spared.

02 The White House.

Q5 The federation says suggestions often come from the public. Suggesting a name and selecting the final pair are separate parts of the process.

03 Delaware Avenue.

Q9 A road name makes the custom local and gives families watching the race a more concrete picture than a generic description of a turkey trot.

04 Cole’s Hill.

Q13 The hill overlooks Plymouth Rock in the waterfront area. The choice of place brings a different historical perspective to a familiar landmark.

05 The Great Thanksgiving Listen.

Q16 Its focus is a recorded conversation with someone the interviewer admires. The finished interview preserves a person’s voice as well as the story.

06 No. A mentor, friend or other admired person can take part.

Q18 The project’s invitation is broad enough to include relationships outside a family tree. The choice starts with someone whose perspective you want to hear.

07 The American Folklife Center.

Q20 The project also identifies an online StoryCorps archive. The institutional name matters when tracing where an interview can be preserved.

08 A circle of friends.

Q22 The term describes the relationship among the people sharing the meal. Hosts can decide for themselves who belongs at their table.

Quick Questions and Answers



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

01 Q1
Which organization began the modern White House turkey presentations in 1947?
Answer: The National Turkey Federation.

02 Q6
Which New York city hosts the YMCA Turkey Trot that began as a cross-country race?
Answer: Buffalo.

03 Q8
What playful custom helps identify the modern Buffalo race in photographs?
Answer: Participants wear costumes.

04 Q10
Which two generations of the Gressel family competed against one another in 1916?
Answer: Father and son.

05 Q15
Who did organizers invite to speak at the 2020 National Day of Mourning program?
Answer: Indigenous speakers.

06 Q17
What kind of history do participants create when they record these conversations?
Answer: Oral history.

Cut-Out Trivia Cards



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

CARD 01 / ARTICLE Q2

Which president accepted the federation’s live turkey in 1947?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Harry S. Truman.

CARD 02 / ARTICLE Q7

What road surface did Buffalo’s early turkey trotters run on?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Dirt.

CARD 03 / ARTICLE Q21

Which two words are blended in “Friendsgiving”?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Friends and Thanksgiving.

CARD 04 / ARTICLE Q24

Which dictionary publisher added “Friendsgiving” in January 2020?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Merriam-Webster.