

## READING COMPREHENSION



1. Read the text and answer the questions.

### Boston

Jean and her family recently traveled to Boston, Massachusetts, one of America's oldest colonial cities. Boston is rich in history and local **personality**. During their visit, Jean and her family **appreciated** learning about Boston's role during the American Revolution.

In the city, Jean and her family **followed** the famous Freedom Trail. This is a 2.5-mile route that tourists can explore in order to visit 16 different historical landmarks located **throughout** the city. Famous sites on this trail include the Paul Revere House, King's Chapel, and the Bunker Hill Memorial. Jean and her family received a map to navigate the Freedom Trail. The **roads were clearly marked** by red lines, and there were signs throughout the city to keep Jean's family and other tourists from **getting lost**.

As part of the Freedom Trail, Jean and her family **spent** a lot of time in Boston's North End. This is one of the oldest residential **neighborhoods** in the entire country. Here, Jean and her family were able to visit Boston Harbor, which is the site of the historical Boston Tea Party. This event sent a **strong** message to the British **leading up** to the American Revolution.

The end of the Freedom Trail led Jean and her family to the Boston Common, the **oldest** urban park in the nation. The park is **filled with** plenty of lush **greenery**, but it also serves as a **burial ground** for heroes of the American Revolution.

Because of their walk **along** the historical Freedom Trail, Jean and her family left Boston with a thorough **understanding** of early American history.

1. What period of American history did Jean and her family learn about in Boston?

- (A) The Great Depression *Because Jean and her family appreciated learning about Boston's role during the American Revolution.*
- (B) The Prohibition Era
- (C) The American Revolution *American Revolution.*
- (D) The Civil War

2. What route did Jean and her family follow to visit 16 historical sites?

- (A) Paul Revere Road *Jean and her family received a map to navigate the Freedom Trail.*
- (B) The Boston Common
- (C) The Freedom Trail
- (D) The North End

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3. All of the following prevented Jean and her family from getting lost except:

- (A) Having access to a map *Because the roads were clearly marked by red lines.*
- (B) The clear city signs
- (C) Following a knowledgeable tour guide
- (D) The red markings on the road

4. What important historical event took place in Boston Harbor?

- (A) The Boston Tea Party *Because which is the site of the historical Boston tea party.*
- (B) The Boston Common
- (C) The Revolutionary War
- (D) The Haymarket Riots

5. The Boston Common contains a burial ground for:

- (A) Native Americans *Because but it also serves as a burial ground for heroes of the American Revolution.*
- (B) Heroes of the American Revolution
- (C) Colonial Boston's elite families
- (D) Fallen British soldiers

### Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated **predominantly** in North America, and it **possesses** a different meaning in each of the countries where it's acknowledged.

In the United States, **Thanksgiving** is a federal holiday (meaning all **government** employees and most private employees are given a day off of work), and **always** takes place on the Fourth Thursday in November, regardless of the date.

The **holiday** signifies the immense progress made by pilgrims, or some of the first travelers to North America, at Plymouth Plantation circa 1621. It was at this time that the **hungry** and **weary** Pilgrims were taught (by Native Americans) how to **grow** and produce food on North America's unique terrain. Once they'd grown (and caught) an abundance of food, the Pilgrims were **expectedly thankful**, and they celebrated alongside the Native Americans who provided them with such valuable **assistance**. President Abraham Lincoln initiated the **contemporary** practice of Thanksgiving by calling for a "day of Thanksgiving" during one of his Civil War addresses.

In America today, Thanksgiving remains **firmly** engrained in its historical roots, and is widely **considered** to be a day for giving thanks for good food, good times, and family. Thanksgiving dinner **generally** consists of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, gravy, and ample desserts. To be sure, **indulging** in abundance is a **cornerstone** of the holiday, as doing so could only be possible if one possesses abundance.



1. When is Thanksgiving celebrated in the US?

- (A) November 25 *Because and always takes place on the fourth Thursday in November.*
- (B) Four weeks before Christmas
- (C) Throughout November
- (D) The Fourth Thursday in November

2. Which event(s) began the tradition of Thanksgiving?

- (A) The pilgrims' food-creation success and largescale celebratory dinner *Because once they'd grown and were expectedly thankful.*
- (B) Nobody is certain
- (C) An address delivered by President Lincoln about a day for the pilgrims
- (D) A and C

3. Which food(s) are often prepared for Thanksgiving dinner?

- (A) Turkey *Because Thanksgiving dinner generally consists of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables and ample of turkey.*
- (B) Potatoes
- (C) Stuffing
- (D) All of the above

4. Where is Thanksgiving celebrated?

- (A) Only in America *Because Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated in North America.*
- (B) Only in Canada
- (C) In English speaking countries
- (D) Throughout North America and some other parts of the world, albeit in different forms and on different dates

5. What is the meaning of Thanksgiving's federal holiday status?

- (A) The federal government instructs all citizens to celebrate Thanksgiving
- (B) Only federal government employees celebrate Thanksgiving
- (C) All federal employees and many other workers are given a day off for Thanksgiving. *It's difficult to say for sur because meaning all government employees and most private employees are given a day off of work.*
- (D) Thanksgiving

### The Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World, is **located** in the state of Arizona. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Formed by over 70 million years of erosion from the Colorado River, the Grand Canyon offers a **spectacular** view. The canyon spans 277 miles **in length**, up to 18 miles in width, and it **measures** over a mile in depth at its **deepest** points. Carlos always wanted to visit the Grand Canyon, and recently he received the chance to hike some of the trails and take several panoramic **photographs** during his visit.



When Carlos arrived at the visitor center, he **watched** a brief movie that **taught** tourists about the Grand Canyon National Park and the geological history of the canyon's formation. Later, Carlos followed a hiking trail to **become** even **further** acquainted with the canyon. While walking through the trails, Carlos saw some tourists riding donkeys to traverse the canyon's ridges. Throughout his hiking expedition, Carlos used a map to find some of the best hot **spots** for photographs within the canyon. He revisited some areas at **different** points in the day because sun angles and lighting can make a big difference in the quality of a photo.

Carlos was very **pleased** that he got to travel to the Grand Canyon. He loves **hiking** and photography, so this was the **perfect** outdoor experience for him. He **posted** all of his best pictures on social media, and his friends were **amazed** by his **breathtaking**, panoramic shots.

1. All of the following is true about the Grand Canyon except:

- (A) It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. *Because the canyon measures over a mile in depth at its deepest points.*
- (B) It is one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World.
- (C) It is a U.S. National Park.
- (D) Its measurements are unknown.

2. What geological process best explains how the Grand Canyon formed?

- (A) A volcanic eruption *Because formed by over 70 million years of erosion from the Colorado River.*
- (B) River erosion
- (C) A tsunami
- (D) An earthquake

3. What did Carlos do first during his trip?

- (A) Watch a short film at the visitor center. *Because he watched a brief movie that taught tourists about the Grand Canyon.*
- (B) Hike the trails of the Grand Canyon.
- (C) Find different spots to take photographs. Canyon
- (D) Participate in a donkey tour along the ridges.

### Text number 1: Boston

#### Vocabulary

1. Personality = Personalidad
2. appreciable = Apreciable
3. followed = seguido
4. Throughout = a lo largo de
5. Trail = Sendero
6. Roads = Caminos
7. Clearly = Claramente
8. Getting = obtener
9. Spent = gastado
10. Neighborhoods = barrios
11. strong = fuerte
12. leading = principal
13. filled = lleno
14. greenery = verdeor
15. oldest = antiguo
16. ground = suelo
17. along = solo

### Text number 2: Thanksgiving

#### Vocabulary

1. Predominantly = Predominantemente
2. Possesses = Posee
3. Thanksgiving = Acción de gracias
4. government = Gobierno
5. Always = Siempre
6. holiday = vacaciones
7. hungry = hambriento
8. weary = cansado
9. grow = crecer
10. thankful = Agradecido
11. Contemporary = Contemporáneo
12. Family = Familiarmente
13. Considered = Considerado
14. generally = generalmente
15. Indulging = Complacer
16. Cornerstone = piedra angular
17. Assistance = Asistencia

### Text number 3: the grand Canyon

#### Vocabulary

1. Located = localizar
2. Spectacular = Espectacular
3. length = largo
4. measures = medidas
5. deepest = más profundo
6. Photographs = fotografías
7. watched = visto
8. taught = enseñado
9. become = volverse
10. further = más lejos
11. different = diferente
12. spots = lugares
13. backpack = senderismo
14. Perfect = Perfecto
15. posted = publicar
16. Amazed = Asombrado
17. breathtaking = Asombroso