

# READING COMPREHENSION



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
- b. The Prohibition Era
- c. **The American Revolution**
- d. The Civil War

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Revolution

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

- a. Paul Revere Road
- 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
- b. The clear city signs
- c. Following a knowledgeable tour guide
- d. The red markings on the road

why a map navigation because the freedom

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

- a. The 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
- b. Heroes of the American Revolution
- c. Colonial Boston's elite families
- d. Fallen British soldiers

why because burial ground here sat the american revolution

## 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 places 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 driving



When is Thanksgiving celebrated in the US?

- a. November 25
- b. Four weeks before Christmas
- c. Throughout November
- d. The Fourth Thursday in November

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fourth thursday in november

Which event(s) began the tradition of Thanksgiving?

- a. The pilgrims' food-creation success and largescale celebratory dinner
- b. Nobody is certain
- c. An address delivered by President Lincoln
- d. A and C

Why because  
president

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

- a. Turkey
- b. Potatoes
- c. Stuffing
- d. All of the above

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Where is Thanksgiving celebrated?

- a. Only in 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

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## 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.
- 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
- b. River erosion
- c. A tsunami
- d. An earthquake

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canyon formation

3. What did Carlos do first during his trip?

a.

Why because  
he loved hiking