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What do you know about Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving traditions aren't quite as straightforward as the elementary school plays about Pilgrims and Native Americans sharing a feast would have us believe. *History.com* suggests that's because Thanksgiving is, "...an invented tradition. It doesn't originate in any one event. It is based on the New England puritan Thanksgiving, which is a religious Thanksgiving, and the traditional harvest celebrations of England and New England and maybe other ideas..."¹

See what you know about Thanksgiving by taking this quiz:

- 1. Where was the first Thanksgiving in America?^{2, 3}
 - a. San Elizario, Texas in 1598
 - b. Berkeley Plantation in Virginia in 1619
 - c. Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts
 - d. All of the above, possibly
- 2. Which of the Founding Fathers thought the turkey should be the national bird of the United States?¹
 - a. George Washington
 - b. Thomas Jefferson
 - c. Benjamin Franklin
 - d. John Adams
- 3. Which department store was the first to sponsor a Thanksgiving Day parade?¹
 - a. Macy's
 - b. Gimbels
 - c. Marshall Field's
 - d. Wanamaker's

Whether it's invented or not, we enjoy the tradition! What's better than feasting, football, family, and gratitude? We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,

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Answers:

- 1. D All three claim the original event.
- 2. C Benjamin Franklin.
- 3. B Gimbels.

Sources:

- ¹ http://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/thanksgiving-quiz
- ² http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/406
- ³ http://www.plimoth.org/plan-your-visit/shop-dine/themed-dining/thanksgiving-dining

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