A Citizenship Quiz for Thanksgiving

01. The King of England was the head of the Church of England and the British government. The law said that all British people must be members of the King’s church. People who did not follow this law were arrested or killed. **What is freedom of religion?** (10)
   a. You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.
   b. You must practice the King’s religion.

02. The Pilgrims refused to follow this law and left England. **What is one reason colonists came to America?** (58) **What is another reason colonists came to America?** (58)
   a. be loyal to the King
   b. escape persecution
   c. obey the law
   d. practice their religion

03. The Pilgrims sailed to America’s East Coast on the ship, Mayflower. Two people died before they reached land, but a baby was born at sea and named Oceanus. **What ocean is on the East Coast?** (90)
   a. Arctic Ocean
   b. Atlantic Ocean
   c. Indian Ocean
   d. Pacific Ocean

04. On the ship, they wrote and signed the Mayflower Compact (1620) which is seen as a forerunner of the US Constitution (1787). Why? **What does the Constitution (and the Mayflower Compact) do?** (2)
   a. Defines American English words
   b. Defines the Constitution
   c. Defines the government
   d. Defines the Mayflower Compact

05. Although they acknowledged the King, the signers of the Mayflower Compact promised to follow the idea of self-government (which) is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words? (3)
   a. America the Beautiful
   b. God Bless America
   c. Life, Liberty, Happiness
   d. We the People

06. The Pilgrims landed near today’s Boston. **Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?** (59)
   a. Africans
   b. Native Americans
   c. Nativists
   d. Separatists

07. The Pilgrims were met by the Wampanoag, an American Indian tribe. **Name another Indian tribe.** (87)
   a. Michigan
   b. Mohegan
   c. Pontiac
   d. Puritans

08. The colonists’ governors, John Carver and William Bradford, negotiated a series of peace and mutual aid pacts with the Wampanoag leader, Massasoit. Because of the Wampanoag’s support, the Pilgrims survived the winter and celebrated Thanksgiving in 1621. **What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy and celebrate Thanksgiving now?** (55)
   a. Join a church group
   b. Join a civic group
   c. Join a community group
   d. Join a craft group

09. Although there was violent conflict between the Native Americans and colonists in subsequent years, peace between the Wampanoag and Pilgrims lasted for fifty years. **Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?** (41)
   a. Give licenses
   b. Make treaties
   c. Persecute its own citizens
   d. Take away property illegally

10. Although the Pilgrims left England to escape religious persecution, they did not extend religious freedom and political dissent to others. The Founding Fathers, however, included these rights in the Bill of Rights. **What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?** (51)
   a. freedom of expression
   b. freedom of worship
   c. the right to piracy
   d. the right to work