



The Mill Valley Depot Café & Bookstore
Thanksgiving Trivia, November 2024

No.	Theme	Question
1	Coffee	The first coffee house in Europe opened in 1555. In which city did it open?
2	Animal Things	What do you call the wobbly red piece of flesh on top of a turkey's beak?
3	Desert Catastrophes	What unusual event caused the town of Colchester, Connecticut, to cancel Thanksgiving in 1705?
4	Fitness	What is the average length of a "Turkey Trot" race?
5	History	World War I ended on November 11, 1918, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, now commemorated as ...
6	Food	How are cranberries tested for ripeness?
7	Woo-Woo	Which two zodiac signs are associated with November?
8	Science	Which famous scientist published "On the Origin of Species" on November 24, 1859?
9	Sparkles	Which two birthstones are associated with November?
10	November Facts	What bear was discovered in China on November 9, 1927?

11	Capitalism	What traditional Thanksgiving side dish was created to sell more cream of mushroom soup?
12	Women's History	What famous piece of women's clothing was patented by Mary Phelps Jacob on November 1, 1914?
13	Science	What did British archaeologist Howard Carter discover in Egypt on November 4, 1922?
14	Capitalism & Film	"Miracle on 34th Street" centers on what real-life department store?
15	World History	What significant event happened on November 9, 1989 in Berlin?
16	Vintners	What would you be drinking if you had 'Glühwein'?
17	Film	In the movie Elf, what was the first rule of The Code of Elves?
18	Books	What was Scrooge's first name in Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol?
19	Traditions	On what holiday did a U.S. President ever pardon the first turkey?
20	Traditions	Which tradition is said to bring good luck at Thanksgiving? Hint: It involves a turkey
21	Cartoon Heroes	What four foods did Snoopy serve for Thanksgiving dinner in <i>"A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving"</i> ?

One more, from our friend Mark James:

Why are most digital clocks on ovens, microwaves, etc, in Mill Valley losing 10 minutes a week?

The 60 hz power line frequency is off by a fraction of a percentage! PGE is replacing power lines and has backup transformers running slightly off 660 Hz, so clocks relying on the 660 Hz signal are losing time!

Scroll down for the answer key!

The Answer Key:

1. Constantinople (now Istanbul) provides a warm gathering place during cold weather
2. A snood
3. Due to a [molasses shortage](#), they couldn't make pumpkin pies
4. 5 miles
5. Veterans Day/Armistice Day
6. By bouncing them—they should bounce about 4 inches high
7. Scorpio and Sagittarius
8. Charles Darwin
9. Topaz and Citrine
10. The Giant Panda
11. Green bean casserole
12. [The Bra](#)
13. King Tutankhamun's tomb
14. Macy's
15. The fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989, marked a pivotal moment in the end of the Cold War.
16. Mulled wine
17. "Treat every day like Christmas."
18. Ebenezer
19. On Christmas Day, by Abraham Lincoln
20. Breaking the wishbone
21. Buttered toast, pretzel sticks, jellybeans, and popcorn