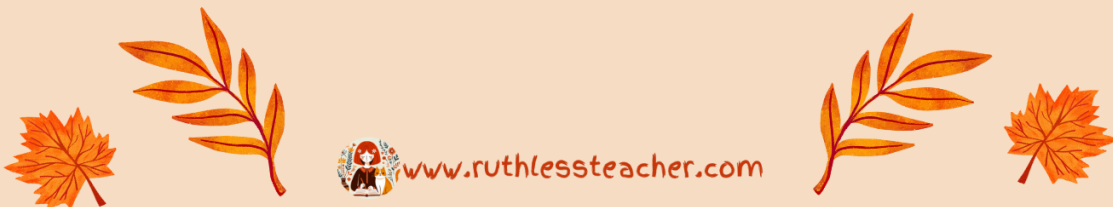


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Thanksgiving video “Turkey pardon”



Every year before Thanksgiving, the White House holds an event during which the President of the USA pardons a turkey and allows it to live. Watch the video to find out more and answer the questions below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3QAZq7vmqc>

- 1 What is the origin of the tradition of pardoning a turkey by the President?
- 2 Why did President Truman's acceptance of turkeys from the poultry industry draw outrage in 1947?
- 3 How did President Kennedy refer to sparing his gifted turkey during his administration?
- 4 What was the practice regarding the fate of the Thanksgiving turkeys during the Nixon, Carter, and Reagan administrations?
- 5 When did President George H.W. Bush officially establish the tradition of pardoning a turkey?
- 6 What is your opinion on this tradition? Have you ever seen a video with the current president doing that?



Thanksgiving Video Turkey pardon Teacher's C1-C2

Answers:

1 The tradition of pardoning a turkey by the President has its origins with President Abraham Lincoln who spared a live turkey gifted to him for Christmas. President Lincoln's son, Tad, adopted the turkey as a pet and successfully convinced his father not to turn it into a Christmas feast, leading to the first recorded presidential pardon of a turkey

2 Because it coincided with three major upcoming holidays falling on Thursdays, affecting sales in the poultry industry.

3 President Kennedy used the terms "pardon" and "reprieve" when declaring that he would let his gifted turkey live, setting a precedent for future administrations.

4 During the Nixon, Carter, and Reagan administrations, the tradition shifted towards sending the turkeys to farms rather than granting them clemency.

5 He did that in 1989, ensuring that the lucky bird would not end up on anyone's dinner table.



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