

## **Thanksgiving Unit Test:**

## **Study Guide**

### **\*comprehension**

-compare the way the Indians originally played basketball to the way we play it today

The Aztecs of Mexico and the Maya of Central American played their basketball with an interesting difference. The hoop or ring was turned straight up and down, and the ball was thrown through from the side.

-be able to list four ways Indians have influenced our lives

food: hot chocolate, corn, potatoes, pumpkins, turkey, tomatoes, squash, beans, vegetables, fruits, peanuts, chewing gum

clothing: poncho, parka, moccasins

sports: rubber ball, basketball

geography: names of rivers, lakes, mountains, states, communities

government: League of Iroquois, Constitution, democracy

medicine: novocaine, over 60 drugs

-compare the colonial wild turkey and today's domesticated turkey

These wild turkeys were tough, sinewy birds that had to fly to survive. It took many careful hours of cooking to make the meat tender enough to eat. The Spaniards slowly bred the birds to be more meaty and tender.

-explain how the turkey got its name

Some people believe that the turkey was named for the country "Turkey," but this isn't so. Actually, the name "turkey" came to be as a result of a mistake made by the Spanish explorer, Hernando Cortez. During his conquest of Mexico, Cortez discovered a large meaty bird that had been domesticated by the people of Mexico. Cortez took this bird back to Spain, mistaking it for the peacock. The Spaniards began calling this new bird "toke," an Indian word for peacock. Later, the word changed to "tukki" and eventually became "turkey."

### **\*graphic organizers**

-be able to correctly complete a graphic organizer comparing two things

-be able to complete a web showing main idea and details

### **\*descriptive writing**

-be able to list specific descriptive words for each sense used in a descriptive paragraph

In descriptive writing, you provide lots of details observed through the five senses. To **describe** means to give a detailed account based on observation. Descriptive writing gives specific details about something using each sense. Remember that it's important to use specific, descriptive adjectives. Words like "good," "tasty," "disgusting," etc. are too vague. Your description should bring to the reader's mind a very exact and detailed image.