***IS AMERICA STILL PURITAN?***

ANSWER THE QUESTION:

SEE:

1. A very huge turkey is represented in the picture.
2. The two characters sitting on the turkey are a man and a woman, who are wearing traditional puritan costumes: the man is wearing a large black hat, whereas the woman is wearing a white handkerchief on his head and a long skirt with socks.
3. People in the foreground are wearing the same particular costumes, typical of the American festivity they are celebrating.

THINK:

1. I think the turkey and the typical costumes have a historical significance.
2. The picture rapresents the Thanksgiving day.
3. The huge turkey shaped wagon, the high palaces and houses make me think the scene takes place in today’s world.

WONDER:

1. The people are celebrating their Puritan origins because they want to remember a day of thanksgiving to God for the abundance received and to celebrate the success of the first harvest after the difficulty in adapting to new colonized territories.
2. No, it doesn’t.
3. My country has a lot of national symbols. The most important are the tricolor Flag, the national anthem, the emblem of the Italian Republic, the Italian presidential banner, the Victorian, the Italian Republic Holiday, the color light blue, the Italian blue coccarda.

FIRST: READING AND USE OF ENGLISH:

1. **1. G** Was he right?

**2. E** They also believed in predestination and viewed success as a sign of salvation.

**3. A** But first, some were subtly exposed to (or “primed” with salvation-relatrd words like “heaven” and “redeem”, while others were exposed to neutral words.

**4. F** They were also asked to rate their support for a school that had had banned revealing clothing.

**5.B** In none of these studies did the results hinge on thr partecipants’ religious affiliation or level of religious feeling.

**6. C** It’s hard to say for sure that any given helement of the American psyche results from our Puritan founders.

1. 1. The first experiment demonstrates that the American people solved more anagrams with salvation on the mind, so they worked harder than the Canadians.

2. Puritanism affects the way young Americans see women because they judge promiscuous women more harshly than British students did. So American young people shared the prudishness of the Puritan people.

3. In the second paragraph the reader can understand the writer is an American person thanks to the words spent about the study made in the work’s habits of today American people.

4. In the sixth paragraph there is described the paradoxical idea of those people who follow Puritanism values even if they don’t believe in God.

5. New England exercised a disproportionate influence on American ideals thanks to a powerful intellectual tradition disseminated through its universities, its dinamic print culture and the new writings of its famous clergy.

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