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Quiz: Happy Thanksgiving!

Directions: Select the answer that best completes the sentence.

1) According to John Stossel, the Pilgrims almost starved because _____.

- A) people maintained their own property and didn't care enough about others
- B) collective farming and distribution based on need caused people to be less responsible
- C) Native Americans raided the Pilgrims' food storehouses
- D) poor weather conditions led to less food being produced

2) The Tragedy of the Commons results from people _____.

- A) acting upon their own interests with shared resources
- B) sharing responsibly and controlling their desire for more food
- C) facing natural disasters
- D) being charitable and giving what they own to others who need it more

3) In the Pilgrims' shared resource system, the "free rider problem" was that some Pilgrims _____.

- A) picked crops before they were ready
- B) preferred to trade rather than hunt
- C) overworked the land, thus ruining it
- D) took advantage by avoiding work

4) William Bradford, governor of the Plymouth Colony, decided to try a system of private property, which _____.

- A) resulted in even more death and starvation, until the Native Americans stepped in to help
- B) was successful because it encouraged everyone to work
- C) allowed some people to work less than others yet receive the same amount of resources
- D) assigned specific crops for people to grow, which they all shared at harvest time

5) The main point of this video is that _____.

- A) people need to stop being selfish and share what they have with others
- B) people are lazy and need a strong leader to make them work
- C) when the Pilgrims ran out of food, they relied on the Native Americans to feed them
- D) incentives, such as allowing people to keep what they produce, matter

Happy Thanksgiving! – Answer Key:

1. B
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. D