

# The First Thanksgiving: Julia and Gene Ramsey



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# Planning It

- Gene & Julia were struggling newlyweds
- Gene (who had been blinded during WWII) was a student at Bowdoin College in Maine
- Gene surprised Julia by inviting:
  - His favorite English teacher & his wife
  - His favorite History teacher & his wife
  - **THE DEAN!**

## Getting Ready

- Julia wanted new clothes, but that was too much money!
  - So, she just got new shoes instead



## Getting Ready

- She wanted new furniture, but that was too much money!
  - So she got a new ‘throw rug’ instead



# Cooking the Turkey

- Julia had never made a turkey, so what did she do??
  - 1) Google 'how to cook a turkey?'
  - 2) Call 1-800-TURKEY??
  - 3) Call her Mom for advice??

## At The Dinner

- The turkey was PERFECT!!!
- Julia brought it out to the guests
- Did you predict an unfortunate interaction between . . .
  - The new shoes?
  - The new throw rug?

## At The Dinner

- When Julia brought out the turkey
  - She trips!
  - It slips!
  - It slides!
  - It glides!
- And comes to a screeching halt at the feet of . . .

# At The Dinner

- Where did the turkey land??
- At the feet of
  - 1) The English Teacher
  - 2) The History Teacher
  - 3) The Dean



# What Did Gene Tell Julia to Do?

“It’s okay Julia, we’ll just . . .

- 1) Call for takeout
- 2) Go back to the kitchen and get the other turkey
- 3) Eat all of the other good food you made

## Answer:

- # 2

**Gene:** It's okay, Julia, we'll just go back to the kitchen and get the other turkey.

**Julia:** (in the kitchen, whispering). But Gene, we don't HAVE another turkey!

**Gene:** I know that and you know that, but they don't know that. So clean up this bird and let's get back out there!

# Your Response

What do you think about Gene's idea??

- 1) Very tricky
- 2) So bad
- 3) Really clever

Or use your own words to tell what you think!!

You can put them on the turkey picture on the next page (*PicCollage* will help!)

“Julia, get the other turkey!”



# Sample Story Response in *Pic Collage*

