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T: understand a poem

- 1) What two types of music do turkeys like?
- 2) Apart from turkeys being killed at Christmas, why else does the author not like Christmas?
- 3) Name one way that the author says turkeys are similar to 'yu an me'.
- 4) How do you think the author felt when he was writing this poem? Why?
- 5) How might Benji have felt when the turkey asked him why people eat turkeys? Give a reason for your answer.
- 6) How are Christmas trees and turkeys similar?
- 7) Poetry allows you more freedom about how you write compared to other types of text. Why is this important for this poem?
- 8) Why does the author spell Christmas as 'Christ Mass'?
- 9) The title of the poem has a double meaning. What are its two meanings?
- 10) Why has the author used an ellipsis in the line 'I once knew a turkey called ... Turkey'?
- 11) Why has the first 'turkey' in that line not got a capital letter, but the second 'Turkey' has?
- 12) Has the author convinced you not to eat turkey? Why / why not?
- 13) Why do you think some farmers keep turkeys and hens locked in tiny cages instead of letting them roam around?
- 14) Eating turkey is a Christmas tradition. Can you think of another religious festival when people eat something, and what it is that they eat?
- 15) Write a verse of a poem from the point of view of a turkey farmer.

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- 1) Reggae and Hip-hop (AF2)
- 2) Human greed / waste / people making money (AF2)
- 3) Have brains / the feel pain (AF2)
- 4) Angry, because he thinks killing turkeys is bad (AF3)
- 5) Guilty / ashamed because he is a human and it is humans fault that turkeys are killed (AF3)
- 6) They are both killed at Christmas time (AF3)
- 7) This freedom means that he can misspell words to help the reader read the poem with an accent (AF4)
- 8) Because he feels that people have forgotten that it is supposed to be about Christ and religion (AF5)
- 9) It is talking about turkeys and it is about a turkey who talks (AF5)
- 10) He is trying to remember his name / make his name up / to make it funny (AF5)
- 11) The first 'turkey' is not a name, but the second 'Turkey' is a name (AF5)
- 12) Yes because he made me feel bad about it
No because I like the taste of it (AF6)
- 13) Because it is cheaper / easier to keep them locked up (AF7)
- 14) Eating chocolate eggs (AF7)
- 15) Write a verse of a poem from the point of view of a turkey farmer. (AF4)

Brackets at the end refer to the AF focus, as given in the APP reading levels grids