

1. The editorial "On love" found on page 4 of the February edition of *The Interim* newspaper claims that "love is bandied about in a rather meaningless way for too many people". Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
2. Briefly explain the competing definitions of love.
3. "Love is a gift from God". What does the editorial writer mean?
4. Do you think that real love is in short supply today?
5. In the article "Finding the right one: restoring the idea of courtship", page 22 of February edition of *The Interim*, why is modern "dating" referred to as "romantic Russian roulette"?
6. Based on Tony Gosgnach's book review (on pg 22) what are the differences between dating and courtship? Why is the latter practice deemed to be healthier as a way to meet a life-long mate?
7. How is dating presented in television ads and on popular television programs? Is this a truthful representation of dating patterns?
8. How is the media portrayal of "love" false? Why do viewers put up with it?

### Valentine's Day Trivia Quiz



Try this quiz. You can either assign an internet source reading which contains the information, or do so as an interesting general knowledge test. Circle the correct answer.

1. Who sent the earliest surviving Valentine's Day card?
  - a) Duke of Aosta
  - b) Sir Walter Raleigh
  - c) Duke of Orleans
  - d) Frederic Chopin
2. Sending anonymous Valentine Day cards became fashionable in England after
  - a) a paper mill strike ended
  - b) a reduction in postal rates
  - c) invention of ball point pens
  - d) invention of the typewriter
3. In mythology who was Cupid?
  - a) son of Hera
  - b) son of Venus
  - c) son of Leda
  - d) son of Diana
4. The origins of Valentine's Day lies in the pagan rite of
  - a) palm-reading
  - b) the Delphic oracle
  - c) fertility
  - d) carnival
5. Valentine was stoned, clubbed and beheaded because he
  - a) secretly married young people
  - b) ate too much chocolate
  - c) played cards and gambled
  - d) failed to marry his sweetheart
6. Valentine's jailer was named
  - a) Asterius
  - b) Attila
  - c) Origen
  - d) Obelix

7. Which civilization first introduced Valentine's Day?

- a) Rome
  - b) China
  - c) Greece
  - d) India
8. Who was St. Valentine?
- a) an 18th century Italian mystic
  - b) flower vendor in Florence
  - c) a French medieval troubadour
  - d) a third century priest and bishop
9. Which of these statements is true?
- a) Valentine's Day was banned in 17th century England
  - b) One billion Valentine cards are sold in the U.S.A. alone each year
  - c) The U.S.A. imports most of its chocolates from Canada
  - d) all of the above

10. The flower most associated with Valentine's Day is the

- a) pink carnation
- b) red orchid
- c) red rose
- d) gladioli

11. The wolf whistle, given by a man who chases after women, originated with

- a) Captain Horatio Hornblower
- b) the Roman feast of Lupercalia that celebrated the wolf
- c) the fable of Little Red Riding Hood
- d) youth gangs standing on street corners

12. Which of these traditions is associated with St. Valentine?

- a) He gave children flowers from his garden
- b) he cured his jailer's daughter of blindness
- c) a pink almond tree at his grave burst into bloom at his death
- d) all of the above

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[www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/1502/valen](http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/1502/valen)

### Quotation Quiz Answers

- a) Victor Hugo
- b) Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- c) Rabbi Julius Gordon
- d) Zelda Fitzgerald
- e) Albert Einstein
- f) author unknown
- g) Bill Keane, "Family Circus"
- h) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- i) M.A.S.H., Hawkeye
- j) Ben Hecht
- k) Henry Van Dyke
- l) Rita Rudner
- m) Mignon McLaughlin
- n) Paul McCartney
- o) Othello
- p) William Congreve

### Valentine's Day Trivia Quiz Answers

1. c)
2. b)
3. b)
4. c)
5. a)
6. a)
7. a)
8. d)
9. d)
10. c)
11. b)
12. d)



## Love & Friendship

Valentine Day has been around for more than two millennia. Is it just a silly relief for our mid-winter blues? Is it a hyped-up celebration concocted by florists, chocolate manufacturers, and the greeting cards industry? Or is Valentine's Day an expression of the human spirit's need to love and to be loved, therefore a testament to true lovers everywhere? Whichever view one takes, there is no doubt that Valentine's Day is widely celebrated and ranks as one of the biggest "days" of the year.

The celebration has a long history, dating back to ancient times when the 'Feast of Lupercal' was celebrated in honour of the Roman God of Fertility. That day fell on the 15th of February every year. According to a time worn custom, on the 14th or eve of Lupercalia, a ritual of 'name drawing' was followed, during which a young man drew the name of a girl from the lot, who was to be his sweetheart for the whole year. Since then, this day (14th of Feb) has been considered as the day of Cupid, the mischievous son of Venus -the Roman Goddess of Love. The reason for celebration is ageless, but it was much later that a great lover gave the day his name.

The eternal lover that gave us the famous word 'Valentine' and originated the tradition of writing love letters on this day, is believed to be Bishop Valentine. He was a priest in Rome when, the city was ruled by Claudius II ('Claudius the Cruel'). Because of military and cultural reasons this emperor considered Christianity as a danger to the State. The pacifism of Christianity appeared to be contrary to the needs of the emperor to have a large army. For this reason he forbade young men to marry. He needed them in the army. But in spite of the fact that Claudius had forbidden Christian conversions and Christian marriages, Bishop Valentine refused to surrender to Roman gods and carried on his religious duties in secret. He was imprisoned for disobedience, but even in prison he converted the convicts. While he was in prison, the daughter of Asterius, his jailer, became his friend and was loyal to him through his ordeal. When Claudius found out that imprisonment had not broken Valentine's Christian faith, he had the bishop executed. However, on the day of his death, Valentine wrote a note to his friend, 'the jailer's daughter' and signed it - 'From Your Valentine'.

This great man who died for his beliefs, for his enduring love of the Christian God, was chosen as the patron Saint of lovers. Ever since, the 14th of February has been celebrated as Valentine's Day.

- <http://www.annieshomepage.com/valentines.html>  
<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/valentine/>



*In this supplement are to be found activities and lessons for elementary grades and some quizzes more appropriate to high school students and fellow staff. Have some fun with them.*

We begin with a web site that has a wonderful compilation of arts and crafts, games, group time and song activities for you to use with young children. In fact this page was created for teachers and parents of toddlers, pre-schoolers and kindergarteners.



### Make a Valentine's Card

Have pre-written poems for the children to glue on their Valentine, let the children choose the poem they like the best.

Make the card out of the paper doily, heart shaped.

1. Let the children write a poem for the inside.
2. Let the children write a special message, or have the child tell you what to write.



### Games, Math and Science

These are different types of activities. Use as you deem fit for the learning objectives you have for your class.



### Valentine Match Up

There are many ways to set this up depending on the skill level or the particular skill you wish to work on. Try these different set ups:

1. Cut out heart shapes from different colors of paper. Give each child one heart. Ask the children to find one person with the same color heart.
2. Cut out heart shapes from different colors of paper. Cut the hearts in half using a puzzle type cut, like zig zag or interlocking pieces. Give each child one half of a heart, and ask them to find the person with the other half.
3. Cut the heart shapes from one color of paper. Label one set of hearts with numbers, i.e. if you have 20 children, label the hearts with the numbers one to ten. The other half, draw one dot on one, two on another, and so on until ten. Give each child one heart and have them find the child with their match.



### What time is it Mr. Valentine?

This is a fun game to play outside or in a gym. The children all line up against a wall or fence. And one child, ("Mr. Valentine") or the teacher faces away from the children, a good distance away from the children. The children yell, what time is it "Mr. Valentine", Mr. Valentine answers 1 o'clock, and the children all take one step toward Mr Valentine.

