

Summarize the evolution of Valentine's Day from the Middle Ages to modern day.

4-5 sentences

Every February 14, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from? Find out about the history of this centuries-old holiday, from ancient Roman rituals to the customs of Victorian England.

Origins of Valentine's Day: A Pagan Festival in February

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to “Christianize” the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

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To begin the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at a sacred cave where the infants Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were believed to have been cared for by a she-wolf or lupa. The priests would sacrifice a goat, for fertility, and a dog, for purification. They would then strip the goat's hide into strips, dip them into the sacrificial blood and take to the streets, gently slapping both women and crop fields with the goat hide. Far from being fearful, Roman women welcomed the touch of the hides because it was believed to make them more fertile in the coming year. Later in the day, according to legend, all the young women in the city would place their names in a big urn. The city's bachelors would each choose a name and become paired for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage.

Valentine's Day: A Day of Romance

Lupercalia survived the initial rise of Christianity but was outlawed—as it was deemed “un-Christian”—at the end of the 5th century, when Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day. It was not until much later, however, that the day became definitively associated with love. During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that the middle of Valentine's Day should be a day for romance.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt. (The greeting is now part of the manuscript collection of the British Library in London, England.) Several years later, it is believed that King Henry V hired a writer named John Lydgate to compose a valentine note to Catherine of Valois.

Typical Valentine's Day Greetings

In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the “Mother of the Valentine,” made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as “scrap.” Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year (more cards are sent at Christmas). Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

If I have \$30 to spend, and a video game costs \$25 plus 10% game tax. Would I have enough to buy it? (Statements are;

- A. You do not have enough to buy the game.
- B. You can buy the game and will get \$2 in change.
- C. You can buy the game and will get between \$1 and \$2 in change.
- D. You can buy the game and will get less than \$1 in change.)

Creon: You'll never marry her while she lives Haimon: Then she must die. - But her death will cause another. What plot even do haimons words foreshadow.

Why is it important for managers to use the decision- making process when problems arise?

Which statements are true about the X intercepts of quadratic functions

Which ordered pair Is a solution of $2y-3x=8$

The linear equation $x = -2$ will be parallel to the x-axis.

True

False

The _____ is a great resource for coal, iron, and lead mining. A. Pamirs B. Tian Shan C. Eurasian Steppe D. Himalayan Mountain Range

Via the Internet, Porcio sabotages the computer system of Quik Chik'n Company, a fast-food restaurant operator, to alter the ingredients in the company's recipes and products so that consumers of the foods become ill. Porcio is a 1. cyberterrorist. 2. botnet.3. virus. 4. worm.

Compare $36-(3+6)$ and $36-3+6$

How long ago did Leonardo Da Vinci die?

Is 6,589 a perfect cubed number?

Which complication may be increased because of the combined use of catechol ortho-methyltransferase (COMT) inhibitors and monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs)?

The branch has the job of enforcing the law.

Leon's older brother is $4\frac{3}{4}$ feet tall . Leon is $\frac{1}{3}$ foot shorter than his brother . How tall is Leon ?

On which syllable does the primary accent fall in the word precipitate?

The normal boiling point of bromine is 58.8°C , and its enthalpy of vaporization is 30.91 kJ/mol . What is the approximate vapor pressure of bromine at 10.0°C ?

In general, there are three different parenting styles: Authoritarian

Permissive

Authoritative

Create a survey consisting of five thoughtful questions designed to discover which type of parenting style was used (or is being used) in the life of someone you interview. Record the questions here in the Writer box.

Now that you have listed your five questions, write one sentence for each question that explains why you think this question will help you discover the parenting style with which someone was raised.

What is the volume of length 8 meters

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