



Mother's Day



ANNA JARVIS

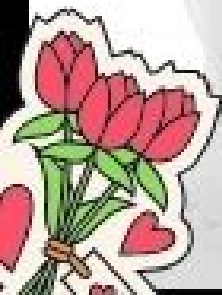
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ANNA JARVIS & MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is celebrated worldwide as a day to honor and appreciate mothers and maternal figures. But did you know that the modern Mother's Day holiday in the United States owes its origins to the efforts of a remarkable woman named Anna Jarvis? Let's explore the story of Anna Jarvis and how her vision for Mother's Day became a national holiday.



ANNA JARVIS A DAUGHTER'S DEVOTION

Anna Jarvis was born in Webster, West Virginia, in 1864. She was deeply devoted to her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, a social activist and community organizer who cared for wounded soldiers during the Civil War. Anna was inspired by her mother's compassion and dedication to helping others, and she sought to honor her memory in a meaningful way.



THE MOTHER'S DAY MOVEMENT

After her mother's passing in 1905, Anna Jarvis embarked on a mission to establish a national holiday to honor mothers. She envisioned a day when children would pay tribute to their mothers and express their gratitude for their love and sacrifices. Anna tirelessly campaigned for the creation of a Mother's Day holiday, writing letters to politicians, church leaders, and influential figures to garner support for her cause.

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THE FIRST MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Anna Jarvis's efforts paid off, and on May 10, 1908, the first official Mother's Day celebration was held in Grafton, West Virginia, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Anna organized special services and events to honor mothers, and white carnations were chosen as the official flower of Mother's Day, symbolizing purity, love, and the enduring bond between mothers and their children.



NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Anna Jarvis's grassroots campaign gained momentum, and in 1911, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation officially recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday to be celebrated on the second Sunday in May. The holiday quickly gained popularity across the United States and became a beloved tradition for honoring mothers and expressing gratitude for their love and sacrifices.

THE LEGACY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Despite her initial success, Anna Jarvis grew disillusioned with the commercialization of Mother's Day, as it became increasingly focused on the sale of greeting cards, flowers, and gifts. She believed that the true spirit of Mother's Day had been lost and spent the latter years of her life advocating for a return to its original meaning.

CONCLUSION

The story of Anna Jarvis and the origin of Mother's Day is a testament to the power of one woman's love and devotion to honor her mother's memory. Thanks to Anna's tireless efforts, Mother's Day has become a cherished holiday celebrated around the world, reminding us to appreciate and cherish the mothers and maternal figures in our lives. As we celebrate Mother's Day each year, let us remember Anna Jarvis's vision and strive to honor mothers with love, gratitude, and heartfelt appreciation.

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THE STORY OF ANNA JARVIS AND MOTHER'S DAY

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is the primary focus of the passage?
a) Examining global Mother's Day traditions.
b) Discussing the commercialization of Mother's Day.
c) Exploring Mother's Day's origins with Anna Jarvis.
d) Investigating Mother's Day's global history.
2. Who was Anna Jarvis inspired by in her efforts to establish Mother's Day?
a) Her grandmother.
b) Her aunt.
c) Her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis.
d) Her sister.
3. When did the first official Mother's Day celebration take place?
a) May 10, 1905
b) May 10, 1911
c) May 11, 1905
d) May 10, 1920
4. What flower was chosen as the official flower of Mother's Day?
a) Roses.
b) Tulips.
c) White carnations.
d) Sunflowers.
5. Who signed the proclamation officially recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday?
a) Abraham Lincoln
b) Theodore Roosevelt
c) Woodrow Wilson
d) Franklin D. Roosevelt

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Who is credited with the establishment of Mother's Day in the United States?
2. What inspired Anna Jarvis to establish Mother's Day?
3. When was the first official Mother's Day held?
4. What flower was chosen as the official flower of Mother's Day?
5. How did Anna Jarvis feel about the commercialization of Mother's Day?

6. What was Anna Jarvis's stance on the commercialization of Mother's Day?
a) She supported it.
b) She was indifferent to it.
c) She grew disillusioned with it.
d) She actively opposed it.

7. What year did President Woodrow Wilson's proclamation recognize Mother's Day as a national holiday?
a) 1905
b) 1911
c) 1919
d) 1920

8. What was the significance of white carnations in the celebration of Mother's Day?
a) They symbolized purity, love, and the Virgin Mary.
b) They were Anna Jarvis's favorite flowers.
c) They were easy to find.
d) They were expensive.

9. What did Anna Jarvis believe had been lost in the commercialization of Mother's Day?
a) The spirit of love.
b) The true meaning of the holiday.
c) The importance of family gatherings.
d) The tradition of sending greeting cards.

10. What is the overall legacy of Anna Jarvis?
a) Establishment of the holiday.
b) Creation of a national holiday.
c) Commercialization of Mother's Day.
d) Anti-giving Mother's Day.

ANSWER KEY

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1. c) Analyzing the origin of Mother's Day through the story of Anna Jarvis.
2. c) Her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis.
3. a) May 10, 1905
4. c) White carnations
5. c) Woodrow Wilson
6. c) She grew disillusioned with it.
7. b) 1911
8. a) They symbolized purity, love, and the Virgin Mary.
9. b) The true meaning of the holiday
10. d) The establishment of a national holiday to honor mothers.

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Anna Jarvis.
2. Anna Jarvis was inspired by her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, and her dedication to helping others.
3. The first official Mother's Day celebration was held on May 10, 1905.
4. White carnations.
5. Anna Jarvis grew disillusioned with the commercialization of Mother's Day.

ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

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