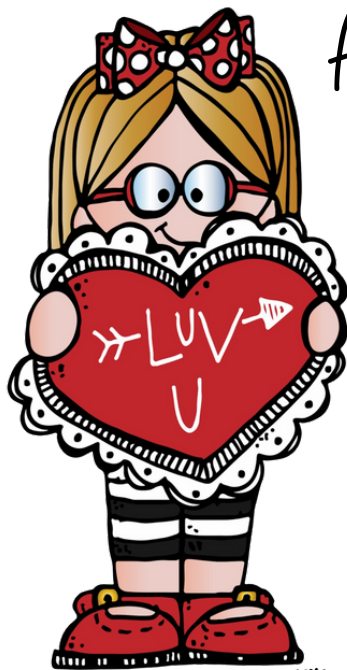


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Around the world



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LATIN AMERICAN PASSION

In Latin American countries, Valentine's Day, or "Día del Amor y la Amistad" (Day of Love and Friendship), is a festive blend of romantic love and friendship. People exchange flowers, cards, and gifts to express feelings to both partners and friends, creating a warm and inclusive celebration of love in all its forms.



CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Being a diverse country, has various ways of celebrating Valentine's Day. While the urban youth may exchange gifts and cards, traditional communities have their unique customs. In some parts of India, the festival of love is linked to the ancient celebration of Holi, bringing a mix of cultural and modern influences to the day.



AUSTRALIAN SUMMERTIME LOVE

Down under in Australia, Valentine's Day falls in the summer season, bringing a sunny and warm atmosphere to the celebrations. Many couples take advantage of the pleasant weather by planning outdoor activities like picnics, beach outings, or enjoying a romantic barbecue. The vibrant and lively spirit adds a cheerful and laid-back vibe to Valentine's Day festivities.



IN LOVE BOAT

The celebration of love takes a unique twist with the "In Love Boat." Couples embark on a romantic boat ride along the coast, accompanied by traditional music and dance. The gentle sway of the boat becomes a symbolic backdrop for the love, creating a memorable and enchanting experience.

MEXICAN SERENADE AND FLOWERS

In Mexico, serenades play a significant role in expressing love on Valentine's Day. Musicians often serenade couples with romantic songs, creating an atmosphere of passion and sentiment. Additionally, the exchange of flowers, particularly red roses, is a common tradition symbolizing deep love and affection. The combination of music and floral gestures makes Valentine's Day in Mexico a vibrant and melodious celebration.



UNITED STATES - A BLEND OF TRADITIONS

Valentine's Day in the United States combines traditions from around the world. The exchange of cards, flowers, and chocolates reflects a blend of European and American customs. Romantic dinners, surprise gifts, and heartfelt expressions of love contribute to the diverse ways Americans celebrate this love-filled day.



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VALENTINE'S DAY AROUND THE WORLD

Comprehension Questions

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER.

1. How is Valentine's Day celebrated in Japan, distinguishing it from Western customs?

- a. Men give chocolates to women
- b. Women take the lead in expressing feelings
- c. Both men and women exchange gifts
- d. Couples exchange handwritten letters

2. What is the significance of March 14th in South Korea's Valentine's Day celebrations?

- a. Black Day
- b. White Day
- c. Romantic Day
- d. Friendship Day

3. When is Valentine's Day celebrated in China, and what is it known as?

- a. February 14th - Black Day
- b. 7th day of the 7th lunar month - Qixi
- c. March 14th - White Day
- d. April 14th - Double Seventh Festival

4. How do the French celebrate Valentine's Day, emphasizing their known traits?

- a. With extravagant fireworks
- b. Exchanging practical gifts
- c. Elegance and charm, with romantic dinners
- d. Hosting grand parades

5. What is the Latin American Valentine's Day like?

- a. Romantic Day - Exchanging gifts only
- b. Love and Friendship Day - Expressing friends
- c. Passionate Day - Lighting bonfires
- d. Dia del Arte - Celebrating artistic expression

6. How is Valentine's Day celebrated culturally in India?

- a. Traditional customs only
- b. Modern influences only
- c. Urban youth exchanging gifts and cards in some areas
- d. Exclusively linked to the celebration of

7. What is unique about Valentine's Day in Australia?

- a. Celebrated in winter
- b. Sunny and warm atmosphere in summer
- c. Emphasis on outdoor snow activities
- d. Cultural dances and music performances

8. What is the unique tradition of Valentine's Day in Italy?

- a. Exchange of gifts and cards
- b. Serenades on romantic boat rides at night
- c. Musicians performing on the streets
- d. Traditional dance festivals

9. When is Valentine's Day celebrated in Mexico?

- a. In summer, with beaches and outdoor activities
- b. In winter, with snow-covered landscapes
- c. During spring, with vibrant cultural festivals
- d. During autumn, with harvest celebrations

Answers Key

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the significance of President's Day in the United States?

- Answer: b. Honoring the country's leaders

2. When is President's Day celebrated?

- Answer: b. Third Monday of February

3. Originally, which president's birthday was President's Day established to celebrate?

- Answer: c. George Washington

4. How has President's Day evolved regarding the birthdays it encompasses?

- Answer: b. It now includes the birthdays of all U.S. presidents

5. What educational opportunities does President's Day provide?

- Answer: c. Exploring the history of the presidency

6. What does President's Day encourage citizens to do regarding the democratic process?

- Answer: c. Participate actively in the democratic process

7. How does President's Day contribute to national unity?

- Answer: c. By encouraging appreciation of shared history

8. What are some celebratory traditions associated with President's Day?

- Answer: b. Parades, historical reenactments, and events

9. What is the main message regarding civic engagement in President's Day?

- Answer: b. It plays a crucial role in shaping the country's future

10. What does President's Day symbolize, according to the conclusion of the passage?

- Answer: b. Respect for the office of the presidency

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