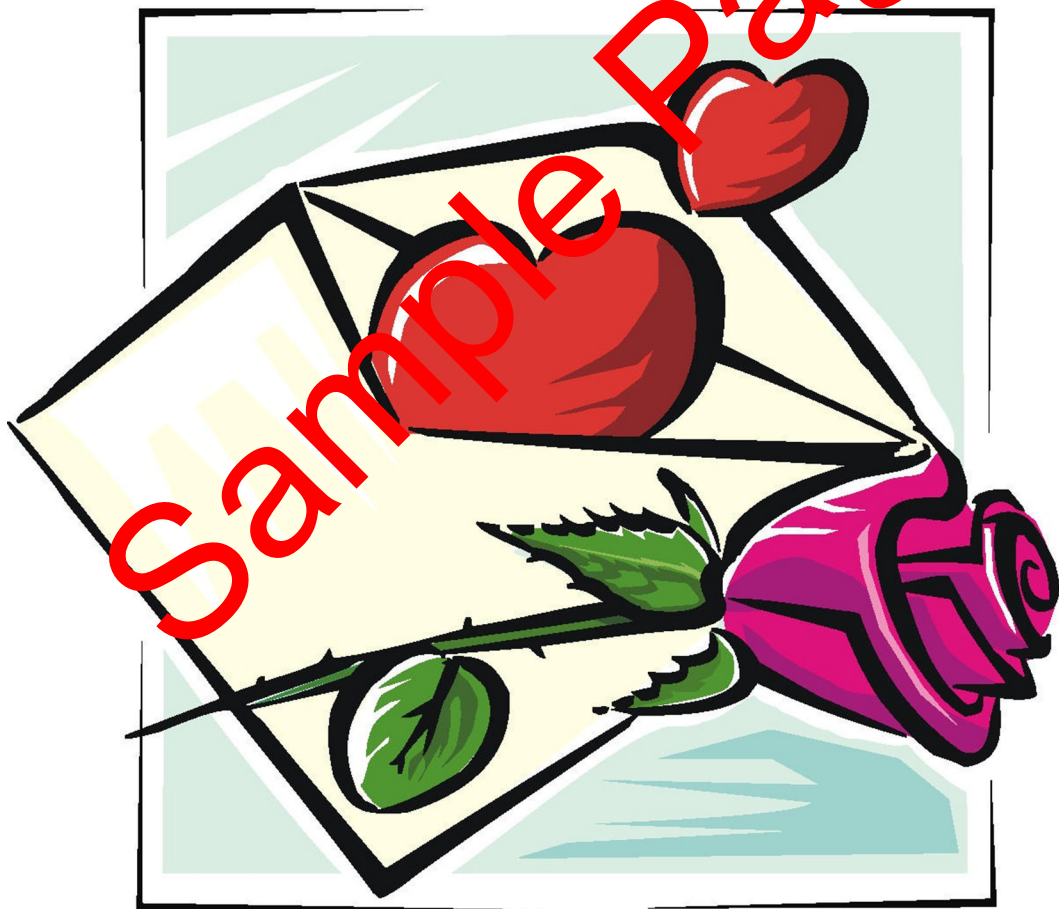




Grades 2-7

# Valentine's Day

## Unit Study



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Thank you for purchasing from **A Journey Through Learning**. We hope that you enjoy our unit study entitled **Valentine's Day**. Getting started is easy.

First, take the time to just browse through the pages to familiarize yourself with the layout. In this book, you will find many topics.

Each topic has a(an):

- \* information page
- \*correlating activity pages
- \*vocabulary words

### **Information Page**

Each of the topics has an information page to read to your child.

### **Activity Page**

After the information page has been read, it is time to do the activity that is found right after the information page. Some of these activities are more for fun while others are more challenging. All of them will enrich your child's understanding and knowledge of each topic.

### **Vocabulary Study**

The underlined words are vocabulary words. Read each sentence that contains the vocabulary word very carefully. It is important that your child hear the vocabulary words in context. Ask your child if he/she can get the meaning of the word from listening to the sentence it is contained in. Next, turn to the vocabulary pages in the back of the book. Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the word and write it on the lines provided. Vocabulary study increases your child's knowledge of the topic!

## How Long Does it Take to Complete A Unit Study?

Doing a study guide page and an activity sheet a day, it should take about one month to complete. However, you can expand the study portion and make it last as long as you like! That's the beauty of homeschooling! Do it YOUR way!

## Study Choices

Choice #1- Read the first page of the study guide. Then use the internet and fun children's books to learn more about the topic that is covered in that study guide. For instance-our American Indians Unit Study has a study guide page about Geronimo. Dig into Geronimo. There are probably lots of interesting things to learn about him that the study guide does not cover. Spend a day on Geronimo or spend a week! When your child has completed studying that particular topic, it will be time to do the activity sheet for that topic. The activity sheets are found right after the study guide page that it goes with.

Choice #2- Read only the study guide page and do the activity sheet that goes with it. The activity sheets are found right after the study guide page that it goes with. You may choose to do one study guide/activity sheet per day, two per day, two per week, three per week, etc. It doesn't matter. The pace is completely up to you. At one per day, it will take about a month to complete this unit study.

## Tips and tricks to go the extra mile!

### Supplies Need:

½ inch three-ring binder

8 tabs (if you are using our copywork and/or notebooking pages, you will need to have 10 tabs. Label with copywork and notebooking)

Your study guide and activity sheet pages

1. Label your tabs: Study Guide, Activity Sheets, Book Log, NICK, Biography Reports, Outlines, and Narration pages (Copywork and Notebooking, if using these).

2. Make copies of NICK notes and outline forms and narration forms, put them behind the tabs. Your child can use either the NICK notes form (easier) or the outline form (a bit harder) after any of the study guides. The narration forms also come in two levels. Choose the correct level for your child. These serve as a good way for your child to show what they have learned.

3. Hole punch your study guide and activity sheets and place behind the correct tab. You will read a page of a study guide. Behind the study guide are all of the activities that go with that study guide.



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Also includes a crossword puzzle, a heart maze, a calendar, copywork, love coupons, kid-fun recipes, how to say I Love You in different languages and more!

## What is Valentine's Day?



Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14<sup>th</sup> every year. It is a holiday in almost every country around the world. On this day, those in love take the opportunity to express their affection for each other.

On this day, people exchange flowers, cards, candy and large stuffed animals with friends, parents, siblings and their special loves.

Even though this day is celebrated on the same day all over the world, it is not celebrated in the same way. The traditions and customs vary greatly due to social and cultural differences.

Use with **What is Valentine's Day** study guide. Fill out the calendar for the month of February. Place a heart on Valentine's Day.

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Sample Page



## The History of Valentine's Day

The true history of how Valentine's Day began is not really known. We know that during the Roman Empire there were three different Saint Valentines and that all three saints were killed. During the reign of Emperor Claudius II, a soldier by the name of Saint Valentine was encouraging other soldiers to get married. Emperor Claudius was a student of human nature and in 287 AD calculated that single men made braver soldiers than married men. Using his absolute power, he passed a law stating that no soldier could ever marry. When Claudius discovered that Valentine had defied his decree, he threw Valentine into prison to await his execution.

While in prison, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter. He wrote "love letters" to express his feelings for her. At the end of his letters, he would sign "from your valentine." In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius chose February 14th as the day to honor and remember Saint Valentine.

In the 17th century, the history of this saint exploded as a "true romantic era." In honor of the old saint and his love for romance, people began sending love notes signed with his signature. The first valentine was sent in 1416 by Charles, Duke of Orleans. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London after the Battle of Agincourt and sent Valentine poems to his wife in France.



Use with **The History of Valentine's Day** study guide.  
Answer the questions. On the heart write how the holiday  
was started.

In what country did this holiday begin? \_\_\_\_\_

In what year did it begin? \_\_\_\_\_

What saint was the holiday named for? \_\_\_\_\_

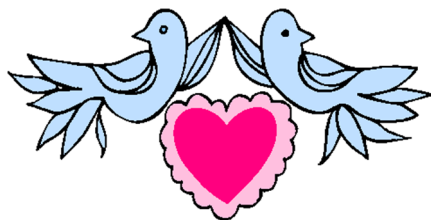


Cut out the booklet and glue into lapbook. Copy the first love poem in your best handwriting.

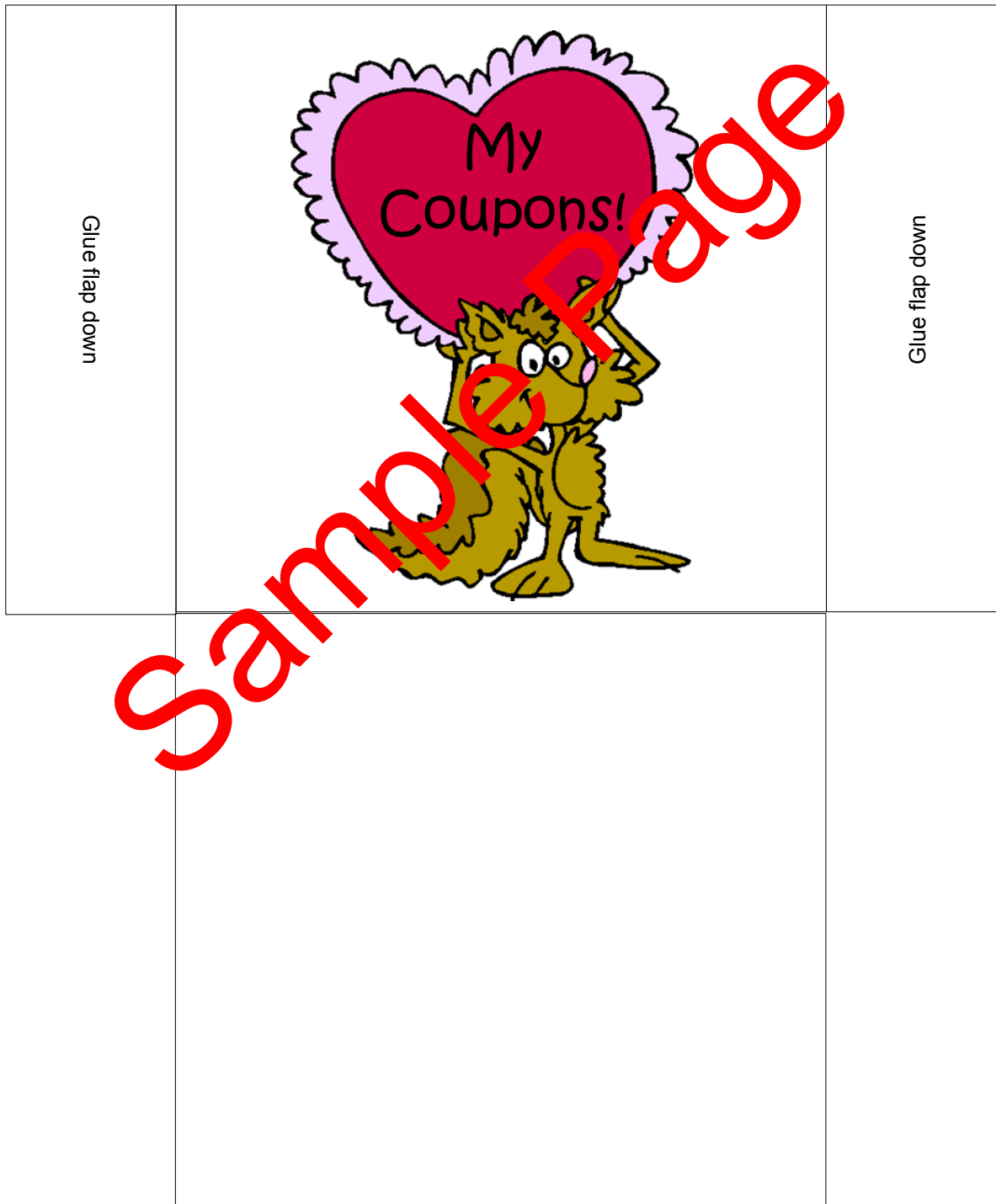
And, cousin mine, upon Monday is  
Saint Valentine's Day and every bird  
chooses himself a mate..

Part of the poem by  
Dame Elizabeth Dreyer

Sample Page



Cut out the Booklet as one shape. DO NOT CUT OFF FLAPS. Fold bottom square back, then fold back the two flaps. This will create a pocket. Glue the two flaps down. Glue pocket into a paper plate. Cut out square on the next page and place into pocket. Give them away on Valentine's Day!





Complete the maze.



Can you make your way through the heart maze?