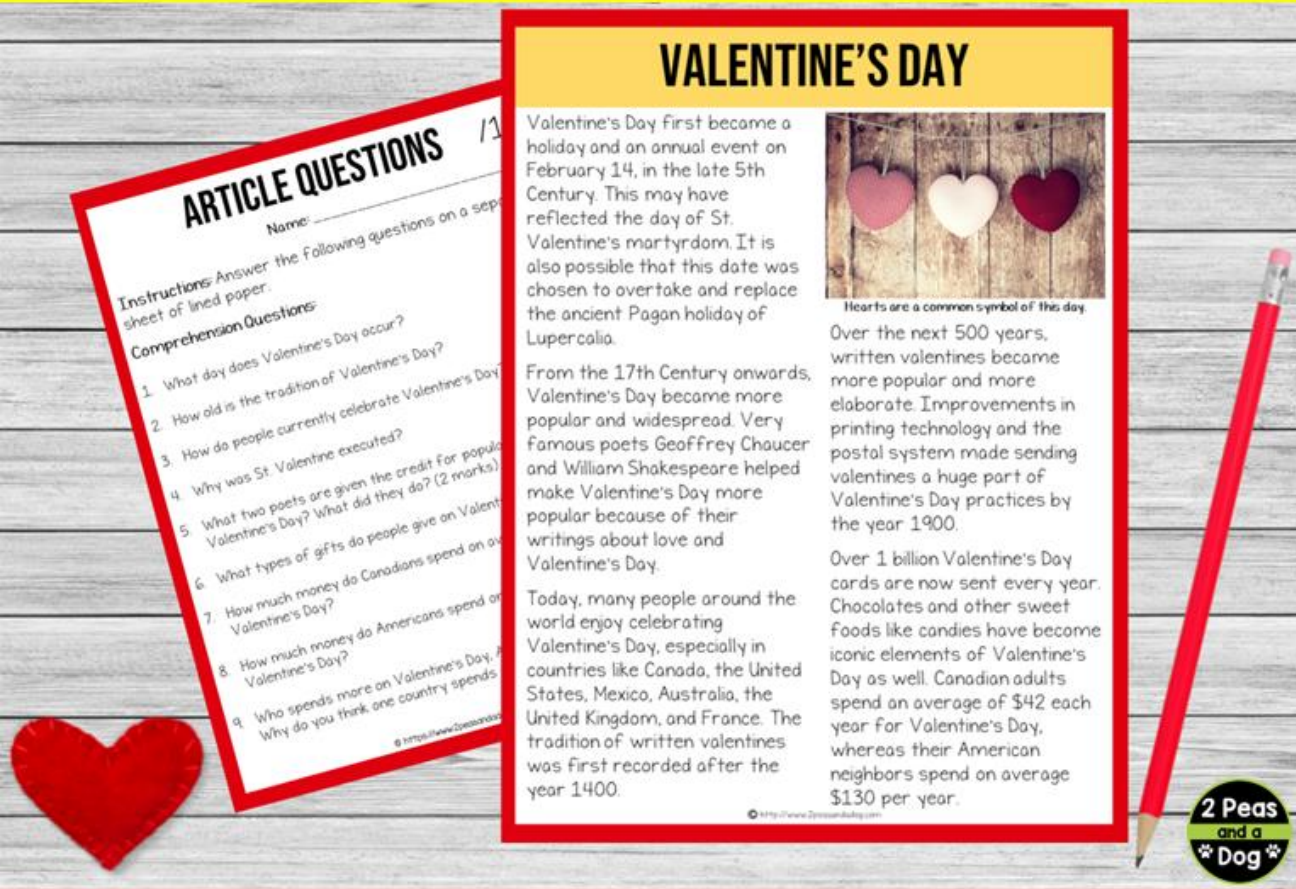


# VALENTINE'S DAY ARTICLE

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Middle School Teaching Resources

## RESOURCE INCLUDES



- ✓ 1 Non-Fiction Article
- ✓ Regular & Modified Versions
- ✓ Teacher Instructions
- ✓ MP3 Audio Files
- ✓ 3 Post-Reading Activities
- ✓ Answer Keys
- ✓ Print & Digital Formats

# WHAT'S INSIDE?



## SAMPLE ANSWERS

1. What day does Valentine's Day occur?  
February 14

2. How old is the tradition?  
Hundreds of years old.

3. How do people currently celebrate?  
Sending cards, and giving

4. Why was St. Valentine's Day created?  
St. Valentine ignored the ban on marriages for them and

5. What two poets are associated with Valentine's Day?  
Geoffrey Chaucer and William Shakespeare  
popular because of their writings.

6. What types of gifts are common?  
Giving presents like jewelry, chocolates, and cards.

7. How much money do people spend?  
Canadian spend on average \$130 per year on this holiday.

8. How much money do Americans spend on average?  
Americans spend on average \$42 each year on Valentine's Day.

9. Who spends more on Valentine's Day?  
think one country spends more than the other.  
Americans spend more money on Valentine's Day, i.e. more money spent on Valentine's Day than Canada, larger population.

## ANSWERS

1. In paragraph 3 what does martyred mean?
- A. To be given praise
  - B. To be killed for religious beliefs
  - C. To be asked to leave the priesthood
  - D. To be celebrated

2. What is a popular gift to give and receive on Valentine's Day?
- A. Trinkets and toys
  - B. Books

# ANSWER KEYS

4. Which sentence has the correct spelling and punctuation?
- A. Today, many people around the world enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day, especially in countries such as Canada, the United States, Mexico, Australia, the United Kingdom, and France.
  - B. Today, many people around the world enjoy celebrating valentine's day, especially in countries such as Canada, the United States, Mexico, Australia, the United Kingdom, France.
  - C. today many people around the world enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day, especially in countries such as Canada, the United States, Mexico, Australia, the United Kingdom, and France
  - D. Today, many people around the world enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day, especially in countries such as Canada, the United States, Mexico, Australia, the United Kingdom, and France.

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## REGULAR ARTICLE

## MODIFIED ARTICLE

## VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14th each year. The history of Valentine's Day goes back hundreds of years. The tradition has evolved greatly over time and how people celebrate Valentine's Day today.



Jewelry is a common Valentine's Day gift.

## VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 each year. Valentine's Day is officially Saint Valentine's Day, honoring the Catholic patron saint of love.

There are many theories for how Valentine's Day began. During the Roman Empire, Emperor Claudius made it illegal for soldiers to get married. He believed that single, unmarried men were better soldiers than married soldiers.

St. Valentine ignored the ban against soldiers marrying and performed marriages for them. St. Valentine was caught providing illegal weddings for soldiers and was sentenced to death as punishment.

Another possible part of this story includes St. Valentine sending a note to a girl before being executed, which could be the origin of sending "valentines."

Valentine's Day first became a holiday and an annual event on February 14 in the late 5th Century. From the 17th Century onwards, Valentine's Day became more popular and more widespread. Famous poets Geoffrey Chaucer and William Shakespeare helped make Valentine's Day more popular because of their writings.



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Today many people around the world enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day, especially in countries like Canada, the United States, Mexico, Australia, the United Kingdom, and France.

Chocolates and other sweet foods like candies have become popular parts of Valentine's Day. People also buy jewelry for loved ones.

Canadian adults spend an average of \$42 each year on Valentine's Day, whereas Americans spend on average \$130 per year on this holiday.

### Word Bank

- emperor - leader of a place/country
- illegal - against the law

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# REGULAR & MODIFIED ARTICLES

# WHAT'S INSIDE?



## LESSON PLAN



### Valentine's Day

#### Lesson Overview:

Students will work on their non-fiction reading skills while reading this article.

#### Materials Needed:

Photocopy a class set of the following or use the provided Google Slides version for 1:1 technology schools:

- K-W-L Chart
- audio file
- version
- Working Google

# LESSON PLAN

#### Video

- Video #1: [The History of St. Valentine's Day](#)

## ARTICLE QUESTIONS

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of lined paper.

#### Comprehension Questions:

1. What day does Valentine's Day occur?
2. How old is the tradition of Valentine's Day?
3. How do people currently celebrate Valentine's Day?
4. Why was St. Valentine executed?
5. What two needs are given the name Valentine's Day?
6. What is the most common Valentine's Day gift?
7. How much money do Americans spend on Valentine's Day?
8. How much money do Americans spend on Valentine's Day?
9. Who spends more on Valentine's Day? Why do you think one country spends more than the other?

### THINKING QUESTION

Assessment	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Above Expectations
	✓-	✓	✓+

How does Valentine's Day benefit businesses? What businesses benefit the most?

# POST-READING ACTIVITIES

# TEACHER FEEDBACK

“My students found the history of Valentine’s Day very interesting! I really liked how there were two versions – a modified and regular version to support different learners in the classroom.” – Stephanie L.



“This was a great article to use the week leading up to Valentine’s Day for my 6th graders. I am a huge fan of the Article of the Week approach to teaching Non-Fiction texts, and this article didn’t disappoint.” –Ashley S.

# LESSON FORMATS



**PDF**

✓ Individual & Whole Unit



**DIGITAL**

✓ Google Slides

**RESOURCE CAN BE USED IN-PERSON OR ONLINE**