

Valentine's Day History

Fill in the blanks

On February 14th we celebrate Valentine's Day, but have you ever wondered where the _____ came from?

The holiday is said to have gotten its name from a man named Valentine. Many people believe he was a _____ priest who helped couples secretly get married while Emperor Claudius the Second of Rome (who ruled 268 AD to 270 AD). _____ marriage. The emperor thought that unmarried men made better soldiers.

Valentine didn't _____ with this ban and so he broke the rules and _____ marriages in secret. Eventually he was caught and killed for his crimes on February 14th 270.

Some say right before he died, _____ wrote the first ever valentine card to his jailer's daughter who he had fallen in love with! In the 5th _____ Pope Gelasius the First made the day of his death St Valentine's Day.

_____ story is that Valentine's Day celebrations actually have roots in the ancient Pagan _____ that was held in Rome each February that was about bringing new couples together. Boys would draw the names of girls from a container during the festival and the _____ would stay together for the festivities. Some of the pairs would even get married after the festival was over!

Valentine's Day has _____ a lot over the years. In the Middle ages in Europe people started exchanging _____ cards with love notes, much like today's cards.

Today many people all over the world _____ Valentine's Day and _____ of dollars are spent on candy, cards and gifts!

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