

Welcome to *TEKTOK*
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We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.
~Anonymous

Web Sites

Tuesday, February 14 Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and lovers. The roots of Valentine's Day goes back to ancient times, when people paid honor to the Roman God of Fertility. This was known as the Feast of Lupercalia, and was celebrated even then on February 14th.

The traditions of Valentine's Day are broad and many. It is a time to exchange cards or small gifts. Chocolates, flowers, jewelry, and romantic dinners are the big hits of this holiday.

It is a romantic event for lovers, and a fun event for kids and family. Many a couple become engaged or wed on this day. For others it is a day to fall in love.

On Valentine's Day, 2009, 39,897 couples, friends and families got together in Mexico City, and kissed for 10 seconds. It's the world record for the most simultaneous kisses. More Valentine's Day Trivia

Did you know? While 75% of chocolate purchases are made by women all year long, during the days and minutes before Valentine's Day, 75% of the chocolate purchases are made by men. Over \$1billion of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day. See more Chocolate Trivia

Saint Valentine's Day Massacre During the "Roaring twenties(1920's)", mobs, crime and gangsters were at a height in many parts of the U.S. Alcohol was banned, spawning the rise of Bootlegging and mob activity. Chicago , Illinois experienced more than it's share of mobs and gangsters. On Valentine's Day, February 14, 1929, four gangsters dressed up as policemen, massacred seven members of a rival gang.

Did you Know? February 14th was formerly thought to be the first day of bird's mating for the season. This sparked the custom of sending valentines to each other.

The Incredible Art Department: Valentines Day

Explains the history of Valentines Day and presents links to Valentine arts and crafts lessons.

<http://www.incredibleart.org/links/valentines.html>

Lin and Don Donn: U.S. History Lessons: Holidays: Valentine's Day

Site provides a short noted about the history of Valentine's Day written for young audiences. Includes links to activities, puzzles, and lesson plans.

<http://holidays.mrdonn.org/valentine.html>

LOC America's Story: Valentine's Day

On February 14, almost everyone exchanges cards and gifts with those they love. The Library of Congress jumps back in time to examine the history of this holiday and its unique traditions. Includes a video of an original movie by Thomas Edison from 1900 and other Valentine's day artifacts.

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/modern/jb_modern_valentin_1.html

Hardware/Software

Quick Pano

Want to switch between different camera modes fast? On a 3D touch enabled iPhone you can select and launch in the camera mode you want by hard pressing the Camera app icon.

Hints/Tips

Magnify

Enabled in Settings>General>Accessibility, Magnifier turns your iPhone into a useful magnifying glass when you tap your Home button thrice.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

1 - What did the boy bat say to the girl bat on Valentine's Day?

2 - What did the boy cat say to the girl cat on Valentine's Day?

3 - What do you call a very small valentine?

1 - You're fun to hang around with!

2 - You're purrrr-fect for me!

3 - A valentiny!

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on February 15:

- 0037 Claudius Drusus Germanicus Caesar Nero emperor of Rome (54–68)
- 1519 Pedro Menéndez de Aviles explored Florida – founded St Augustine FL
- 1564 Galileo Galilei Pisa, Italy, astronomer/physicist
- 1882 John Barrymore [Blythe], Philadelphia PA, actor (Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde, The Tempest, Beloved Rogue)
- 1907 Cesar Romero New York NY, actor (Joker–Batman, Ocean's 11, The Thin Man)
- 1927 Harvey Korman Chicago IL, actor (Carol Burnett Show, Blazing Saddles)
- 1929 James Schlesinger US Secretary of Defense (1973–75)
- 1948 Ron "The Penguin" Cey Tacoma WA, 3rd baseman (Los Angeles Dodgers)
- 1951 Melissa Manchester Bronx NY, singer (Don't Cry Out Loud)
- 1951 Jane Seymour [Joyce Frankenberg], Middlesex England, actress (Dr Quinn, East of Eden, Lassiter)
- 1954 Matt Groening cartoonist (Life in Hell, Simpsons)

On This Day:

- 0399 Philosopher Socrates sentenced to death
- 1764 St Louis founded as a French trading post by Pierre Laclade Ligue
- 1799 1st US printed ballots authorized, Pennsylvania
- 1869 Charges of Treason against Jefferson Davis are dropped
- 1879 Congress authorizes women lawyers to practice before the Supreme Court
- 1898 USS Maine blows up in Havana harbor, cause unknown–258 sailors die
- 1903 1st Teddy Bear introduced in America, made by Morris & Rose Michtom
- 1919 American Legion organizes in Paris
- 1933 President–elect Franklin Roosevelt survives assassination attempt
- 1936 Hitler announces building of Volkswagens (starting slug–bug game)
- 1941 Duke Ellington 1st records "Take the A Train"
- 1950 Walt Disney's "Cinderella" released
- 1964 Bill Bradley scores 51 points for Princeton
- 1965 Canada replaces the Union Jack flag with the Maple Leaf
- 1978 Leon Spinks beats Muhammad Ali in 15 for world heavyweight crown
- 1979 Temple City Kazoo Orchestra appears on Mike Douglas Show
- 1992 100th episode of "Cops" airs on the Fox Network
- 1998 Daytona 500 race; Dale Earnhardt wins

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