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Directions & Suggestions

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3. Reading Passage
4. Main Idea & Details Worksheet
5. Box Worksheet
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Suggestions

Compare & Contrast - Use page 6 to compare and contrast different holidays.

Vocabulary - Have students describe, define and/or use the vocabulary words below in the boxes on page 5.

Sentences, grammar, etc. - Have students write sentences about the story, Valentine's Day or holidays using page 7 or 8.

Answering Questions & Comprehension - Use page 4 to answer questions about the passage. Use page 7 or 8 to write the answers to the questions below.

Questions

1. What does Valentine's Day celebrate?
2. How do people feel when they receive a gift or card?
3. Where did the word Valentine come from?
4. Who was Valentine?
5. What did he do?
6. What did people do on Valentine's Day during the Middle Ages?
7. How many cards are exchanged on Valentine's Day?
8. Do you like Valentine's Day?
9. Who do you love?
10. When is Valentine's Day?
11. What colors represent Valentine's Day?

Vocabulary

legend, exchange, popular, ordinary, emperor, soldier, Middle Ages, legacy

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a popular day to celebrate love and romance, to exchange cards, and often to give flowers or chocolates. Adults and children alike enjoy the day because it means doing something a little out of the ordinary. Everyone likes to feel special when they receive a card or treat for Valentine's Day. But where did this special day come from? When did it first begin?

The word Valentine is actually a name, and the holiday is based on some old legends about a saint named Valentinus, or Valentine. One story, which might be true, is that Valentine was a priest who performed weddings for young soldiers, even though it was against the law at the time. (The emperor thought his soldiers would fight better if they didn't have a wife or family to take care of.) Valentine got in trouble for it, but people were grateful for his courage.

There are other stories that surround the legend of Saint Valentine. Although there's no way of knowing if they really happened or not, we can know for sure that he left quite a legacy. Even back in the Middle Ages, people would exchange Valentine greetings, which changed into written cards or notes in the 1400s. Every year, in fact, about one billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged on this special day!

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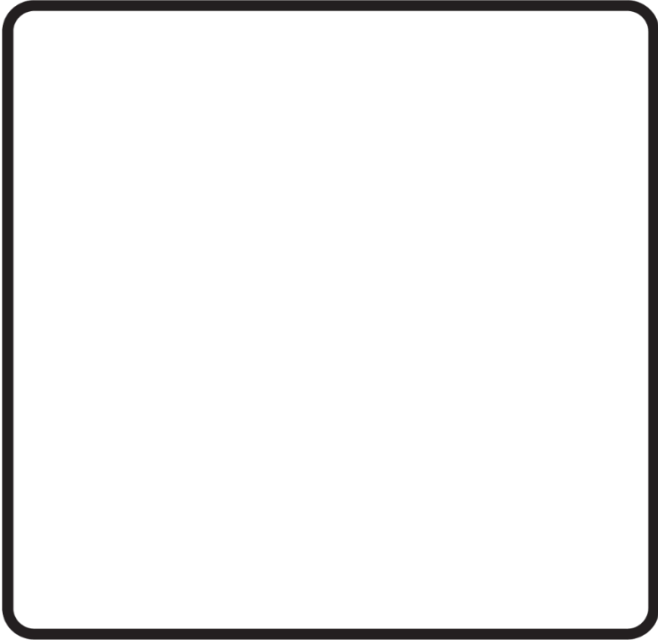
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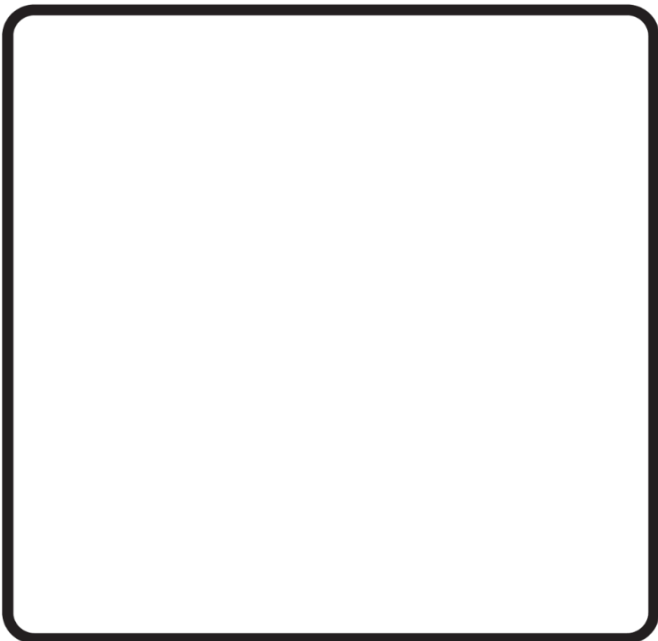
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Detail #4

What did you learn?



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