

Valentine's Day Trivia

1. The expression "wearing your heart on your sleeve" came from the Middle Ages practice of pinning what to that portion of your clothing for a week at Valentine's?
a. a blue felt heart b. the name of your crush c. your lover's token d. a name drawn from a hat
2. In the 1800s, physicians commonly prescribed chocolate to soothe patients who were pining for lost love. In 1868, the first box of Valentine's Day chocolates was introduced. Who marketed the idea?
a. Russell Stover b. Walt Whitman c. Richard Cadbury d. Milton Hershey
3. Why was February 14 chosen as St. Valentine's Day?
a. because that's the day Valentine was born c. because that's the day Valentine was married
b. because that's the day Valentine was martyred d. because it's halfway between Christmas & Easter
4. In Finland, Valentine's Day is known as Ystävänpäivä. Roughly translated, it's a day for celebrating what?
a. teachers b. friends c. pets d. secret admirers
5. More than eight billion conversation hearts are produced each year. Invented in 1866, they were originally neither heart-shaped nor stamped with clever sayings. With a shelf-life of over 5 years, what were these Necco wafers first used for?
a. breath mints b. energy bites c. teething biscuits d. throat lozenges
6. Approximately 224 million roses are grown every year for Valentines, with the vast majority of those sold traditionally being red in color. Why red?
a. they don't turn brown as fast as white, pink, or yellow c. red is the favorite color of Venus, goddess of love
b. the red ones are first to bloom that time of year d. our heart pumps red blood (heart = love = red)
7. The chart-topping "All You Need is Love" required 58 takes to get it right. Which boy band originally recorded it?
a. The Beatles b. The Bee Gees c. The Monkees d. The Beach Boys
8. According to legend, Saint Valentine was a priest from Rome who was once imprisoned for doing what?
a. carrying a bow and arrows without a license c. sending love letters to the pro-consul's daughter
b. secretly marrying Christian couples d. telling others about the love of God
9. Catholic church history recognizes the martyrdom of how many saints named Valentine/Valentina/Valentinus?
a. one (trick question) b. two, both killed on Feb. 14 c. three, including a pope d. at least eight
10. The Feast Day for Saint Valentine was established in the year 496 by whom?
a. King Arthur b. Emperor Romulus Augustulus c. Pope Gelasius I d. Theodoric the Great