

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW: VALENTINE'S DAY



<https://youtu.be/neb7dbPW0Sk>

You will watch a video about Saint Valentine's Day. For questions 1-26, complete the sentences with a words or short phrase.

Valentine's Day is one of America's most (1) _____.

More than (2) _____ percent of Americans celebrate Saint Valentine's Day.

American people send greeting cards and (3) _____, give candy or other gifts or enjoy romantic (4) _____.

The origins of Saint Valentine's Day date back to an ancient Roman (5) _____ festival celebrated in (6) _____ called *Lupercalia*.

Later, the Christian Church chose this time of year in order to Christianize this (7) _____.

There was more than one Christian (8) _____ named Valentine.

One of them was sentenced to death for performing marriage ceremonies (9) _____ after Emperor Claudius II banned marriage for (10) _____.

Claudius II thought that single men made better (11) _____.

Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as date for honouring the soft-hearted Valentine at the end of the (12) _____.

However, this holiday didn't become definitively associated with love and romance until the (13) _____.

At that time, people believed that February 14th was also the beginning of (14) _____ mating season.

The first written Valentine (15) _____ appeared in the 15th century.

By the 17th century, people in (16) _____ had started a tradition of exchanging Valentine's cards or (17) _____.

In the United States, the first mass-produced cards emerged in the (18) _____.

It is estimated that (19) _____ Valentine cards are sent each year.

More than (20) _____ heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold and more than (21) _____ roses are produced in a typical year.

Altogether, Americans spend (22) _____ dollars on Valentine's Day or an average of some (23) _____ dollars per person per year.

Nearly 20% of Americans splurge on (24) _____.

According to a recent survey, as many as six million (25) _____ are likely to (26) _____ on February 14th.