ESLFLASHWORKSHEETS

History of Mother's Day - Listening

1. Answer these questions

Why do you think people celebrate Mother's Day?

Make a prediction: When do you think the first Mother's day was?

2. Practice vocabulary from this podcast on Quizlet. Click here.

3. Listen to the podcast and fill in the missing words.

Podcast:

Mother's Day is a special day when people _____ their mothers. Many countries have a _____ day like this. In the United States and Canada, Mother's Day is always celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

Mother's Day is not a new holiday. The ancient Greeks celebrated the goddess Rhea, who represented motherhood, with flowers, sweet _____, and wine. Later, Christians borrowed the_____ and celebrated the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. In the 1600s in England, Mothering Sunday was a special day where servants were allowed to leave work and spend the day with their mothers.

In America, the idea of Mother's Day came from two different women. In 1872, a woman from Boston named Julia Ward Howe first tried to create Mother's Day. Then, in 1902, Anna Jarvis started a _____ celebration in her town in West Virginia. She wanted the holiday to be celebrated on the day of her own mother's death. She wrote letters to many politicians, until eventually, the president of the United States agreed to create a _____ Mother's Day in 1914.

The modern version of Mother's Day is not so different from the ancient one. People still _____ by giving their mothers flowers, as well as cards, chocolates, and _____. It is now also common to go to restaurants, especially for brunch. No matter how it is celebrated, Mother's Day is a great opportunity to make mothers feel _____.

4. Answer these questions about the podcast.

Who is Rhea?

Where do people celebrate "Mothering Sunday"?

Who are the two women that made the idea for Mother's Day in the USA?

When did the president create national Mother's Day?

5. Finish these sentences with the correct vocabulary word.

Every year I make a cherry pie for mother's day. It's my family's _____.

When my dog behaves well, I give her a _____.

We can't choose a new president until there's a _____ election.

Mexicans _____ the Day of the Dead.

The Globe Theatre, in London, is _____. It was built in 1598!

I will _____ my mom with a beautiful poem.

6. Tell me what you learned.

What was your favorite part of this activity?

What part of this activity was most difficult for you?

What did you learn?

What do you want to practice?