

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> was also the beginning of (14) \_\_\_\_\_ mating season.

The first written Valentine (15) \_\_\_\_\_ appeared in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

By the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>.