

Valentine's Day - the short story



Read the story of Valentine's Day. Choose the correct word to go in each gap.

*women *Pan and Juno *February * husband *love



In Roman times people celebrated a festival of _____ in _____.
The festival was called Lupercalia. It was the festival of the Roman gods _____.
Young men and young _____ played games to find a wife or a _____.

*wall *killed *loved *message *times *woman



In early Christian _____ St Valentine was a holy men.
He was _____ for his beliefs. Before he died he wrote a message on the prison _____.
The _____ was for the _____ he _____ and he signed the message 'Your Valentine'.

*poems *book *festival *fourteenth *sender



The feast day of St Valentine's is the _____ of February.
St Valentine became the _____ of lovers.
Young men wrote _____ to give to young women. If they were not good at writing poetry, they copied one from a _____.
Girls made cards to give to the young men. The _____ of the card was a secret. People never signed the cards.



*post *cards *century



In the nineteenth _____, the postal service started.
Now people could _____ their Valentine's cards.
Today you can buy lots of _____ and presents to send on Valentine's Day.



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Answer key :

In Roman times people celebrated a festival
of LOVE in FEBRUARY.
The festival was called Lupercalia. It was the festival
of the Roman gods PAN AND JUNO.
Young men and young WOMEN played games to find a wife or a HUSBAND.

In early Christian TIMES St Valentine was a holy men.
He was KILLED for his beliefs. Before he died he wrote
a message on the prison WALL.
The MESSAGE was for the WOMAN he LOVED
and he signed the message 'Your Valentine'.

The feast day of St Valentine's is the FOURTEENTH
of February.
St Valentine became the FESTIVAL of lovers.
Young men wrote POEMS to give to young women. If they
were not good at writing poetry, they copied one from a BOOK.
Girls made cards to give to the young men. The SENDER of the card was a
secret. People never signed the cards.

In the nineteenth CENTURY, the postal service started.
Now people could POST their Valentine's cards.

Today you can buy lots of CARDS and
presents to send on Valentine's Day.

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