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Valentine was a Roman [1] who lived during the third century. At the time, Rome was ruled by an [2] called Claudius.

Claudius was sometimes known as Claudius the Cruel. He was involved in many [3] and battles.



2



Claudius needed a strong army to fight his many wars. Many men did not want to fight as that would mean they would have to leave their wives and [4].



3

Claudius came up with a plan. He forbade all men from marrying. This meant that they would have no excuse not to join the [5] and fight in his wars.





Valentine believed that people should be able to get married if they wanted to. As he was a priest, he began to help people to get married in [6].

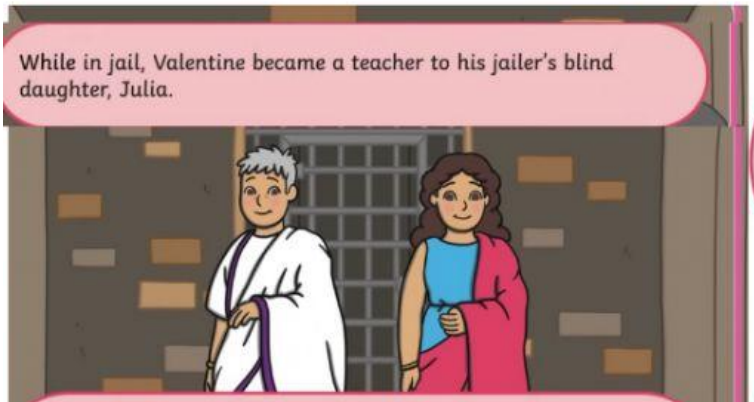
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But Claudius soon found out that Valentine was marrying people in secret. He was very angry and ordered that Valentine be arrested and [7].

5

While in jail, Valentine became a teacher to his jailer's blind daughter, Julia.



It is believed by many that Valentine performed a [8] when he asked God to cure Julia's blindness. After she was cured, Julia's father converted to Christianity.

6

On the day that Valentine died, he wrote Julia a goodbye [9] and signed it from 'your Valentine'. Julia was able to read the note because God had cured her [10] He died on the 14th February.





After he died, Valentine was made a saint by the Catholic church. He is known as a [11] This is somebody who is killed because of their beliefs.

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