

VALENTINE'S DAY TRIVIA

1. When it comes to greeting card sales, where does Valentine's Day rank among the holidays?
2. What company that today is associated with egg-shaped chocolates came up with the first heart-shaped box of sweets in the 1800s?
3. What precious metal are the tips of Cupid's famous matchmaking arrows made of?
4. In the symbol XOXO, what does the letter O represent?
5. When it comes to flower sales, where does Valentine's Day rank among the holidays?
6. What candies associated with Valentine's Day have their origins in medical lozenges?
7. In what city did the infamous Saint Valentine's Day Massacre of 1929 take place?
8. What type of chocolate, popular today, was originally a drink promoted as having medicinal properties?
9. Metaphorically speaking, what insects invade your stomach when you are in love?
10. According to ancient tradition, your ring finger connected directly to what vital organ?
11. According to Roman myths, who is Cupid's mom?
12. Who had "the face that launched a thousand ships"?
13. What romantic European country gave us the petal-plucking game "he loves me... he loves me not"?
14. What two families are engaged in a bitter rivalry in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet?
15. What type of chocolate isn't really a chocolate (depending on who you ask) because it contains no cacao solids?
16. What chemical in our bodies is known as the "love hormone"?
17. What king with a famously complicated love life declared Valentine's Day a holiday in 1537?
18. Who wrote the hit love song "I Will Always Love You"?
19. Like other Roman deities, Cupid has a Greek counterpart, which is...
20. What English poet is credited as being the first to link St. Valentine's Day with romantic love in 1375?
21. What animals were associated with Valentine's Day due to the belief that their mating season started in February?
22. What unofficial holiday is celebrated on February 15 and has the acronym SAD?
23. What was the name for the "bitter" Valentines of the Victorian Era that contained insults rather than expressions of love?
24. In what Asian country is there a tradition of women sending men chocolates on Valentine's Day?
25. If Cupid wants to break up a couple rather than bring them together, he uses an arrow with a tip made of what substance?
26. What unofficial holiday inspired by the television series Parks and Recreation celebrates female friendship?

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ANSWERS

1. Second (behind Christmas).
2. Cadbury.
3. Gold.
4. Hugs.
5. First (ahead of Mother's Day).26
6. Conversation hearts.
7. Chicago.
8. Milk chocolate.
9. Butterflies.
10. The heart (which is why wedding rings are worn on that finger).
11. Venus.
12. Helen of Troy.
13. France.
14. The Montagues and the Capulets.
15. White chocolate.
16. Oxytocin.
17. Henry VIII.
18. Dolly Parton.
19. Eros.
20. Geoffrey Chaucer.
21. Birds.
22. Singles Awareness Day or Singles Appreciation Day.
23. Vinegar Valentines.
24. Japan.
25. Lead.
26. Galentine's Day.

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