

Valentine's Day Fun Facts

A fun game that can be played in teams. Ask the question. You can make it multiple choice as we have here or you can let people rack their brains for the answer by giving no choices at all. Tally the results to find out who wins. Answers are underlined.

1. Where/who did Valentine's Day get its name from?
a. Valentine's Beach, NY b. Saint Valentine c. Venus (Roman goddess of love)

2. It's believed by some that Valentine's day started as an ancient Roman festival of fertility. What is the name of the festival?
a. Thesmophoria, b. Lupercalia c. Festival of Baccus

3. When did February 14 become known as a day of "romance"?
a. the Middle Ages b. Ancient Roman times c. the Renaissance

4. Charles, Duke of Orleans penned the oldest known Valentine poem to his wife while he was imprisoned in the tower of London. What year was it written?
a. 1603 b. 1881 c. 1415

5. Valentine's Day greetings became popular in the 1900's because of two things:
a. Ready-made cards and cheaper postage b. Railroad and industrial revolution c. Steamboat and affordable writing tools.

6. According to the Greeting Card Association, how many Valentine's cards are estimated to be sent out each year?
a. 5 Billion b. 890,000 c. 1 Billion

7. Medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer may be credited for Valentine's day for linking courtly love with the celebrated feasts day in 1375. No other written record links the two before his poem. What is the name of the poem?
a. Love in the day of Valentine's b. Parliament of Foules c. Valentinus