

# HISTORY OF VALENTINE'S DAY

# COLOR BY NUMBER

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... Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer the questions on the other page then color the WHOLE WORD below based on your answer. Next, write a summary statement or the main idea. Don't forget to underline the answers IN THE PASSAGE with the same color.

1 Cupid  
2 FAUNUS  
3 ROMAN  
4 LOVE  
5 VALENTINE  
6 LEGEND  
7 HEARTS  
8 ARROWS  
9 CANDY  
10 CARDS  
11 FLOWERS  
12 SAINTS

4 Who was the Roman god of agriculture?  
5 Hallmark Cards later entered the market in \_\_\_\_\_.  
6 What word means an official order from the emperor?  
7 When was Saint Valentine born?  
8 Rome's founders Romulus and \_\_\_\_\_.  
9 The oldest known sent by the D\_\_\_\_\_.  
10 What was the celebrated \_\_\_\_\_?  
11 Geoffrey called "P\_\_\_\_".  
12 What w\_\_\_\_\_ allow\_\_\_\_\_?

4	Who was the Roman god of agriculture?	birds	YELLOW	Sea otters	GREEN
5	Hallmark Cards later entered the market in _____.	Faunus	GREEN	Fermi	ORANGE
6	What word means an official order from the emperor?	1913	ORANGE	1942	RED
7	When was Saint Valentine born?	Vizier	RED	Decree	YELLOW
8	Rome's founders Romulus and _____.	Unknown	ORANGE	453	BLUE
9	The oldest known sent by the D_____.	Demus	GREEN	Regulus	GREEN

Color EACH letter according to your answers. Then, fill in the background with ANY color or pattern of your choice. NOT leave the background white. If there is a tiny section of a letter left, color it your choice. When you are finished, cut neatly along the dotted line and assemble your picture with tape or glue. Try to align the image as best as you can.

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# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ Reading passage
- ✓ Color by number (individual or group blocks)
- ✓ 12 questions
- ✓ Teacher answer key
- ✓ Teacher guide

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1	Valentine's Day is February _____ every year.	11th	RED	14th	BLUE
2	Saint Valentine of _____ married couples in secret.	Terni	ORANGE	Troy	RED
3	The idea of _____ falling in love easily melds into the holiday.	Birds	YELLOW	Sea otters	
4	Who was the Roman god of agriculture?				

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1 Saint  
2 Valentine  
3 Cupid  
4 Arrow  
5 Legend  
6 Secret  
7 Cupid  
8 Valentine  
9 Legend  
10 Secret

**4**

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1 Valentine  
2 Secret  
3 Legend  
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10 Cupid

**ABOUT THIS PACKET**

The reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence and underlining evidence from the text.

**TEACHER WORK**

**INDIVIDUAL WORK** (pages 6-9) for

- 1 Print a packet (pages 6-9) for each student.
- 2 Please review the directions on the packet. For the text-marking part, the text marking is completed. Then, have the students color the WHOLE word in the text. Ensure students have red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.

**GROUP WORK** (pages 10-14)

Print a packet (pages 10-14) for each group member. Students often enjoy this activity in until...





# 2 OPTIONS

... Name

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Saint Valentine's Cupid  
ARRR... ROMANCE  
FEBRUARY  
BIRDS HEAR SECRET LEGEND

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

**SUMMARY**

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**INDIVIDUAL**

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FEBRUARY  
BIRDS HEAR SECRET

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**GROUP**

# TEXT MARKING

Find evidence  
in the text

... Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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11th	RED	Troy	RED
Terni	ORANGE	Sea otter	GREY
Birds	YELLOW	Fr	C
Faunus	GREEN		
PIB	ORANGE		

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Saint Valentine of \_\_\_\_\_ married couples in secret.

The idea of \_\_\_\_\_ falling in love easily melds into the holiday.

Who was the Roman god of agriculture?



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The most likely source of Valentine's Day is from third century Rome. The Roman emperor, Claudius II, needed young men to fight and it was better if they were unmarried, so he forbade (did not allow) marriage. He believed that the men of Rome were not willing to join his army because of their love for their wives and children. Saint Valentine of Terni was a priest who thought the emperor's decree (official order) was unfair, so he married couples in secret. The emperor found out, though, and ordered the death of the priest.

The second story had Saint Valentine executed on February 14 for angering the emperor, but history isn't sure how he angered the emperor. The third story is a little more romantic. During his confinement, a young woman visited him, probably the emperor's daughter. He sent her a note signed "From your Valentine." No matter which story you choose to believe about the real Saint Valentine, he was killed for it. We aren't entirely sure when Saint Valentine was

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