

Valentine's Day Trivia

THE HISTORY OF THE HOLIDAY

Questions and Answers

- 1. What is Cupid's name, according to Greek mythology?**
Eros
- 2. According to Roman mythology, who does Cupid fall in love with?**
Psyche
- 3. Who is Cupid the son of, according to Roman mythology?**
Venus
- 4. On which continent did Valentine's Day originate?**
Europe
- 5. In Greek mythology, who is the goddess of love?**
Aphrodite
- 6. Valentine's Day origins are said to be rooted in which pagan festival?**
Lupercalia
- 7. Who first added wings and a bow to Cupid's image?**
Renaissance-era painters
- 8. Who is referred to as the Mother of Valentine's Day?**
Esther Howland
- 9. In what year was Saint Valentine said to be martyred?**
269
- 10. Which emperor called for the execution of Saint Valentine?**
Claudius II
- 11. When was Valentine's Day first declared to be celebrated on Feb. 14?**
1537
- 12. Who wrote the first known Valentine's Day message?**
The Duke of Orleans
- 13. In what form was the first-known Valentine's Day message?**
A poem
- 14. When was the first known Valentine's Day message sent?**
1415
- 15. Where was the oldest known Valentine's Day message sent from?**
Prison

