

Valentine was a man who lived in Rome in the third century. The Roman Emperor at the time, Claudius the Second, was not a Christian as Valentine. Claudius thought that married soldiers did not make good soldiers, so he told his soldiers that they must not marry.

Valentine worked for the church, and one day he helped a soldier who wanted to marry. The emperor said that Valentine had to die because of this, and he sent Valentine to prison. But Valentine fell in love with the daughter of a man who worked there. Just before he died, he sent a note to this woman, and at the end of the note, he wrote: 'Your Valentine.' He died on 14 February.

In the early nineteenth century, people started to give Valentine's cards to the person they loved on 14 February.

In Great Britain and the United States, people still send each other Valentine's cards, but often they do not write their names inside: they just write 'Be my Valentine' or 'From your Valentine'.

Some children give their friends or teachers cards or chocolates. A man will perhaps give red roses to the woman that he loves. A lot of people go out to restaurants for the evening and have dinner for two, and some people think it is a good day to marry.



Compréhension écrite

1. Relève les noms des personnages ainsi que toutes les indications de temps et de lieu.

CHARACTERS	TIME	PLACE
VALENTINE CLAUDIUS THE SECOND	THIRD CENTURY 14 FEBRUARY EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY	ROME GREAT BRITAIN UNITED STATES

2. Trouve les mots ou expressions du texte qui correspondent aux images.



CARD



CHOCOLATES



TO MARRY



RED ROSES



ROMAN SOLDIER



TO FALL IN LOVE

3. RIGHT OR WRONG ? (Justifie ta réponse en citant le texte)

a) Caesar, the Roman Emperor, didn't want his soldiers to marry.

☐ right

☒ wrong

Claudius the Second... "told his soldiers they must not marry."

b) Valentine was a soldier who wanted to marry.

☐ right

☒ wrong

"Valentine worked for the church and one day, he helped a soldier... to marry."

c) Valentine died before he could marry to the woman he loved.

☒ right

☐ wrong

"Valentine... in prison... fell in love with the daughter of a man... sent a note to this woman".

d) Today, this tradition is lost.

☐ right

☒ wrong

"...people still send each other Valentine's cards..."

Parlons grammaire...

Choisis le bon pronom interrogatif pour chacune des questions, puis réponds-y.

What ▪ When ▪ Who (×2) ▪ How ▪ Why

a) **Who** was the Emperor of Rome when Valentine was alive? **It was Claudius the Second.**

b) **Who** was Saint Valentine? **Valentine was a man who lived in Rome and worked for the church.**

c) **When** is Valentine's Day? **It is on February 14th.**

d) **What** do people send to the people they love? **They send cards, chocolates or red roses.**

e) **How** long have people celebrated Valentine's Day? **They have celebrated it since the 19th century.**

f) **Why** is Valentine's Day celebrated on February 14th? **Because Valentine died on February 14th.**

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