



**Valentine of Rome**

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Valentine was born in 226 AD in Italy. At this time all of Italy and many of the areas around it were part of the Roman Empire. His Roman name was Valentinus. The Roman Empire required all its members to belong to the state religion. Valentine was a Christian priest, so he was arrested. While under house arrest, his jailer, Judge Asterius, was impressed by his faith and converted. Valentine was released from jail, but later imprisoned again for preaching Christianity. He was executed on February 14, 269 in Rome. The life of Valentine has very little to do with the holiday named after him on the anniversary of his death. Valentines Day became a holiday in Europe in 496AD. In the 1300s it became very fashionable to write poems of love, and to celebrate love in many kinds of public displays. Perhaps because spring is right around the corner, people began to use this day to write love letters and give gifts. Today, Valentine's Day celebrates the love of friends and family members as well.

One symbol of Valentines Day would have offended Valentinus very much. The image of cupid and the arrows through a heart comes from Roman mythology. Cupid was the name of the god of love. People believed his arrows could make the person whose heart was shot by them fall in love. He was often drawn as a baby with wings.

# Valentine's Day Word Search



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VALENTINE

HEARTS

ARROWS

CUPID

ROMAN

CELEBRATE

LOVE

FLOWERS

CHOCOLATE

CANDY

# Valentine's Day Word Jumble



Valentine, Celebrate, Flowers, Chocolate, Hearts, Arrows,  
Cupid, Roman

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# VALENTINES ADLIB



**This year for Valentines Day I decided to make**

**\_\_\_\_\_ for everyone I know. I went to the craft**  
Plural noun

**store and bought \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_**  
number color Plural noun

**to \_\_\_\_\_ together. I must not have followed**  
present-tense verb

**the directions very well. It was supposed to look like**

**a \_\_\_\_\_, but instead, it looked more like a**  
noun

**\_\_\_\_\_. When I handed them out to all my**  
noun

**\_\_\_\_\_, they asked me what they were for. I**  
Group of people

**explained you are supposed to \_\_\_\_\_ them on**  
present-tense verb

**a \_\_\_\_\_ and they will \_\_\_\_\_ pretty.**  
area of a home present-tense verb

**To be honest, they were kind of \_\_\_\_\_. They**  
adjective

**did not \_\_\_\_\_ very \_\_\_\_\_.**  
present-tense verb adverb