



SANT VALENTINES DAY



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The history of this day



Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno. Juno was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of woman and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the Feast of Lupercalia. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and they were partners for the duration of festival. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the seventeenth century. By the middle of 19th century, it was common for friends



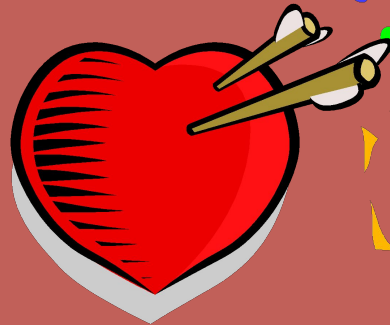
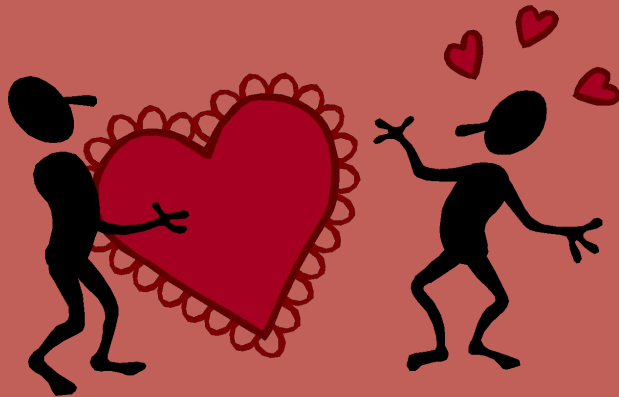
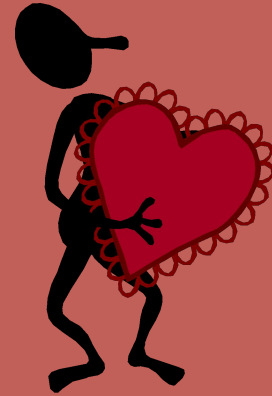
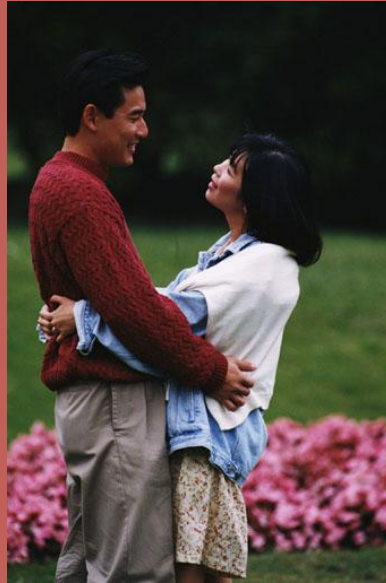
European valentine

A young Frenchman

Charles, Duke of Orleans, was one of the earliest creators of valentines, called "poetical or amorous addresses" From his confinement in the Tower of London after the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, he sent several poems or rhymed



Postcards



CONGRATULATIONS

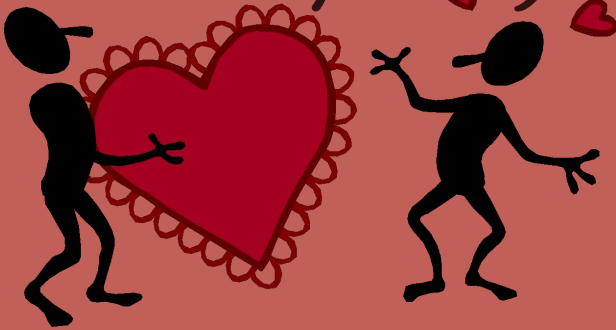
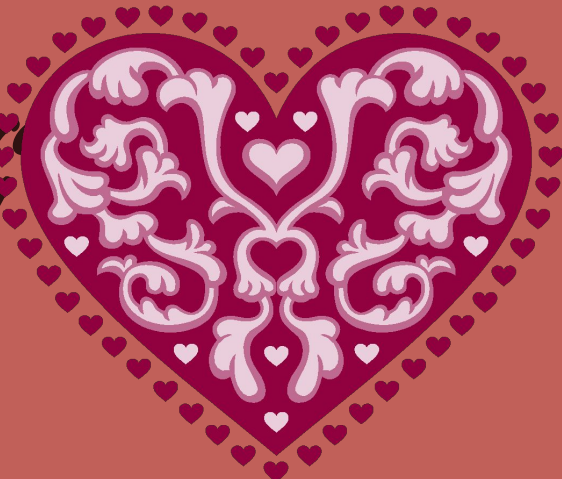


*Arriving this
longawait day-this
is the saint
Valentines
Day. Decire you
look the marriage
its grandson.*



Valentines symbols

Ornament for early valentines were made by hand. Each had a special meaning. A fan meant "Open up your heart". A ribbon meant "You are tied up" or "You are my girl".



Rice meant a wedding. A ring meant a wedding too, or an engagement. A coin meant the person would married someone wealthy.

Hearts are most common romantic symbols. Candy, cookies, and even cakes are made in heart shapes for



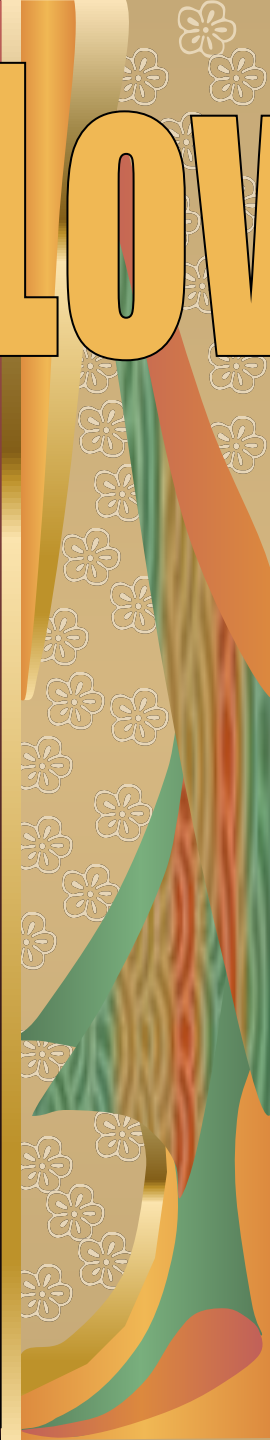
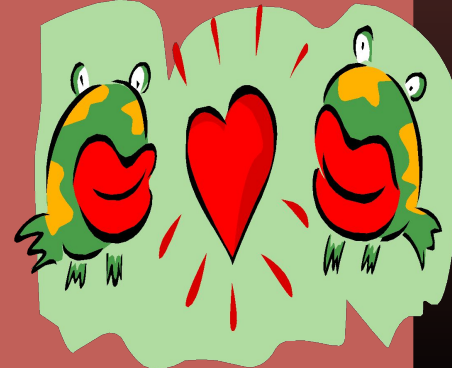
Poems about Love

Good morrow,
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First this yours,
then this mine,
Please to give me
a Valentine.

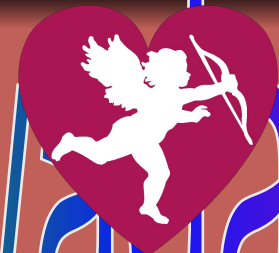


I have a little
Valentine That
someone sent to
me. It's pink and
white And red
and blue.

Good morning to
you, Valentine Curl
your locks as I do
mine, One before and
two behind, Good
morning to



This holiday nowadays.



Valentine's Day grows more and more popular in many countries of the world. Some people have already begun to celebrate it in Russia. They try to imitate European Valentine customs and want to know more about their origin. But, as with many customs, the origin of St. Valentine's Day is a mystery. St. Valentine's Day is the day when boys, and girls, friends and neighbors, husbands and wives, sweethearts and lovers

