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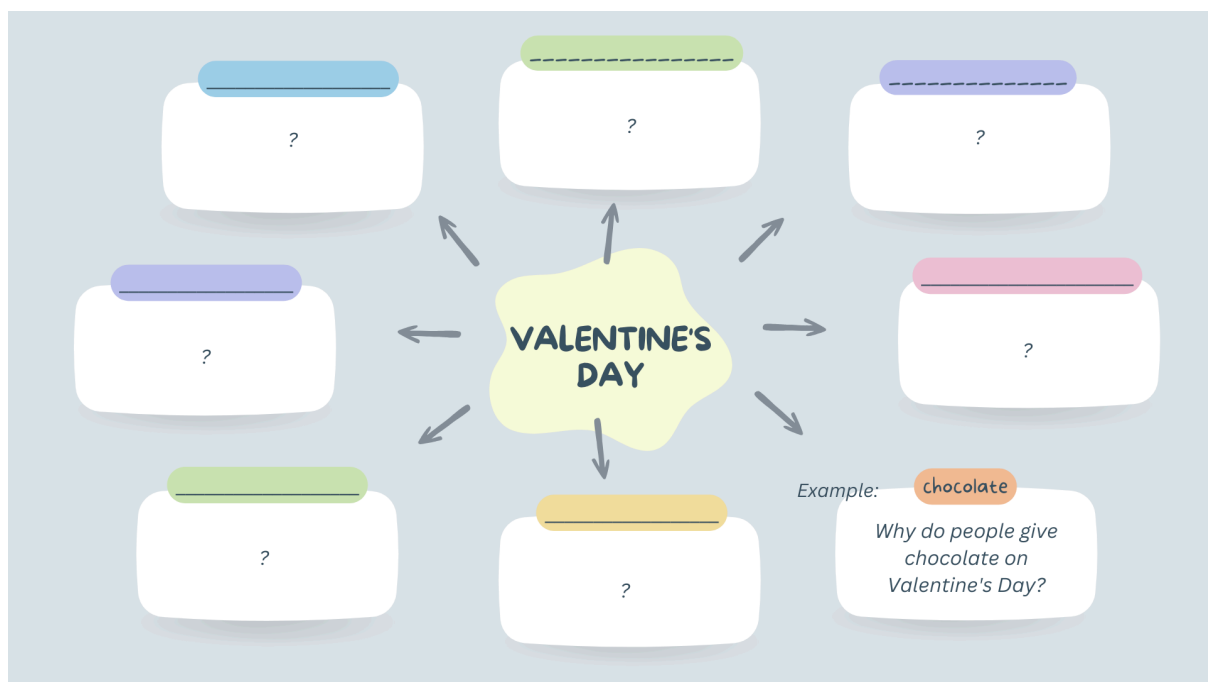**anglicky**logicky.cz

Valentine's Day

1. Warm-up

- Do you like Valentine's Day? Why/why not?
- What are some common symbols associated with Valentine's Day?
- How do people typically celebrate Valentine's Day?

2. Mind map

Instructions: Write one-word associations on the coloured lines. Then choose a different bubble/association than the one you created and think of a relevant question. Write it down into the bubble. Ask and answer with a partner/partners.

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Example: chocolate

Why do people give chocolate on Valentine's Day?

3. Picture - word - definition match

Instructions: Match the picture with the corresponding word and definition.

1 FERTILE — A) A person who leads religious ceremonies and helps people with their faith.

2 CUPID — B) A mythical creature often shown as a baby with wings, known for making people fall in love.

3 PRIEST — C) Giving up something important for a greater cause or to show devotion.

4 SACRIFICE — D) adj. a person's ability to have babies

4. Reading

Instructions: Read the article *Valentine's Day's dark and twisted origin story* and answer the following questions:

1. What was the festival of Lupercalia and how did it relate to Valentine's Day?

2. How did Pope Gelasius I change the celebration of Valentine's Day?

3. Who were the two saints named Valentine and what were their contributions to the holiday?

4. Why is February 14th considered a day of love in remembrance of St. Valentine?

5. When was the first greeting card for Valentine's Day created, and what question did it include?

6. Who were some early manufacturers of Valentine's Day cards and chocolates?

5. Gapfill

Instructions: Fill in the blanks in the following sentences:

1. Valentine's Day began as a Roman festival _____(1) Lupercalia.

2. Over 150 million Valentine's Day cards _____(2) _____(3) every year.

3. In Finland, Valentine's Day is called "Friend's Day" and is not just _____(4) romantic partners.

4. Chocolate sales _____(5) significantly during Valentine's week.

5. The red _____(6) is the universal symbol of love on Valentine's Day.

6. More than 9 million pet _____(7) buy gifts for their pets on Valentine's Day.

7. Alexander Graham Bell applied _____(8) his patent _____(9) the telephone _____(10) Valentine's Day.

8. Women purchase about 85% _____(11) all Valentine's Day cards.

9. In Japan, it is _____(12) for women to give chocolates to men on Valentine's Day.

6. Talking point

a. What do you think about the commercialization of Valentine's Day? Do you believe it's more about genuine expressions of love or businesses making profits?

b. In your opinion, is Valentine's Day solely for romantic partners, or should it also celebrate love in other relationships, such as friendships and family?

c. How do you think technology and social media have influenced the way people celebrate Valentine's Day today? Are there any positive or negative aspects to these changes?

d. Some people feel pressured to participate in Valentine's Day celebrations. What are your thoughts on this pressure, and do you think it's necessary to participate in such holidays?

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1. The festival of Lupercalia was an ancient Roman festival that took place on February 15th and involved sacrificing animals and touching women with pieces of their skin to increase fertility. It later became associated with Valentine's Day.

2. Pope Gelasius I replaced the festival of Lupercalia with St. Valentine's Day, eliminating the sacrifices and focusing on love.

3. One Valentine was prosecuted for refusing to worship Roman gods and signed a letter "from your Valentine" to a woman he allegedly healed from blindness. Another Valentine, St. Valentine of Terni, secretly married couples against the emperor's orders.

4. February 14th is considered a day of love in remembrance of St. Valentine because he was executed on that day for arranging marriages, which went against Emperor Gothicus' beliefs.

5. The first greeting card for Valentine's Day was made in the 16th century and included the question "Will you be my Valentine?

6. Esther Howland was one of the first US manufacturers of Valentine's Day cards, while Richard Cardbury created the first chocolate box in 1868.

Ex. 5)

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