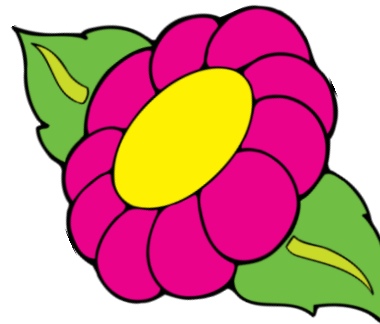


Mother's Day



Quick Facts

- Mother's Day is celebrated in different ways around the world.
- The American version of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908.
- Mother's Day became an official U.S. holiday in 1914.
- Mother's Day is celebrated the second Sunday in May.
- More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year.

Essential Vocabulary

- **appreciate** – to see the worth or value of something; to highly admire or be grateful for
- **maternal** – related to the mother
- **offspring** – the young of a person, animal or plant.
- **tradition** – a handing down of information, customs or beliefs.

Lesson Ideas

Adapted from The Scholastic Big Book of Holidays Around the World by Susan Dillon

Holiday History

Mother's Day became a national holiday in the United States in 1914 after Anna Jarvis from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, campaigned to create a special day to honor all mothers. But the idea for a day to pay tribute to mothers wasn't new. In ancient Greece, people celebrated Rhea, the mother of six important gods and goddesses. In Rome, she was called Cybele.

Poetry Activity-Mom Acrostic

Have students make up new words to the song at right with acrostic verses that describe their special feelings; for example: "M' is for the million books you read me." Help them brainstorm the special moments they've shared with their mothers. Students can include the verses in a special card to send home. Teachers may want to use this template with younger students.

Mother's Day Venn Diagram

Have students interview their moms or any special mother figure in their lives using the list of favorites on the **reproducible**. They can

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Mother's Day Venn Diagram (cont.)

compare and contrast their mom's likes and dislikes with their own by using the overlapping area of the heart shapes to show the favorite things they have in common, and the "mom" and "me" sections to show the differences they have. FOR OLDER STUDENTS: Invite students to use the information they gathered in their interview to write a short descriptive piece. This can be used as a caption for a portrait they draw of their mother.

Flower Card



Students can personalize a [card](#) for mom with a sweet message inside for their mother's on Mother's Day.

Resource Connection

Blog Posts

- [Mother's Day Gifts for the Artistically Challenged](#)
- [A Book About Mom — A Recipe for a Great Mother's Day](#)
- [Open House, Mother's Day, and Father's Day, OH MY!](#)
- [Mother's Day Made Easy: 3 Quick Gifts](#)