

# Should Valentine's Day Be A Holiday?

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Valentine's Day is a holiday about giving letters and sweets to your boo, and showing love to friends and family. Some people think Valentine's Day shouldn't be a holiday, but I think that Valentine's Day should be a holiday, and here's why.

Valentine's Day was thought to come from an old Roman festival named Lupercalia. Lupercalia was used to purify and drive evil spirits away from their villages, as well as to spread happiness and love. Lupercalia was a pagan ritual with a lot of immorality. Valentine's name came from the name Saint Valentine. He made Valentine's Day more of a Christian holiday, rather than being a holiday filled with immorality and sin. Valentine was jailed and beheaded by the Roman Emperor Claudius II. Valentine was jailed because on February 14, during the 3rd century B.C., he married Christian couples in secret. Also, Valentine tried to convert Claudius to Christianity, which got him beheaded. On the eve of his beheading he wrote a letter to his girlfriend, Julia, and it said "From your Valentine". After the beheading of Valentine in the late 5th century, Pope Gelasius eliminated the pagan celebration of Lupercalia and made February 14th a day to celebrate the martyrdom of Saint Valentine, and had no intention of that day to be made into a day of love and passion. S

ome people believe that Valentine's Day should not be a holiday due to people saying that you should not trot about your affection for everyone to see, but I have a counter claim for that. Valentine's Day is meant to be about love so it would be normal to see that, and they should prepare for that. I think Valentine's Day should be a holiday because it is the perfect way to show that you love a certain person and it makes you happy when someone says "Will you be

my valentine?”. I also love the candy that is available during that time, and I love seeing people being happy with their love. Some people still think that Valentine’s Day is more of a religious holiday due to it’s background information, but that is not true. It used to be a religious holiday. Now it is just a time for love and romance. Others think that Valentine’s Day should not be a holiday because they don’t want to be heartbroken if there love says “no”, that is simply unavoidable, and life is full of heartbreaking moments, but those moments make you stronger and you can learn from it. In sum, I think Valentine’s Day should remain a holiday.