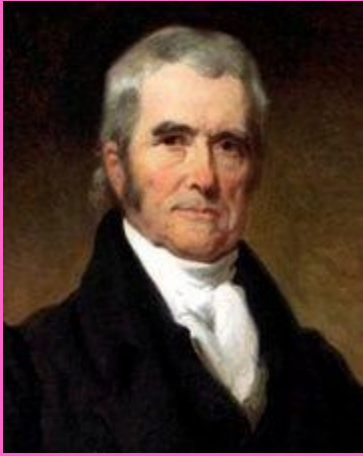


On This Day In History...



Valentine's Day

Timeline Activity

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On This Day in History: Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is typically regarded as a day of expressing romance, exchanging gifts between people who have romantic feelings for each other, and celebrating love of all kinds. However, over the centuries, hundreds of events have happened on February 14th: some famous, some infamous, and some largely forgotten and overlooked.

Individually or with a partner, you will read through the following list of events that have taken place on February 14th. Taking educated guesses and inferring from what you have learned over the years, try to put them in chronological order on the timeline on the next page. There are then a few additional tasks to complete and questions to answer.

Hints: there are 4 events from Louisiana history, 4 events from American history, and 4 events are World history, and 4 events not used, but they ALL happened on February 14th.

The most recent year that Mardi Gras was held on the 14th.

Canadian 5 cent nickel coin is authorized
John Jacob Ryan born in Vermillion Parish
UPS is founded
Southern Christian Leadership Conference founded
Morehouse College organizes (Augusta Georgia)
African National Congress (ANC) opens office in Amsterdam
Louisiana History author Joe Gray Taylor born
Sherman enters Meridian, Mississippi
Archbishop Thomas Cranmer declared a heretic
German Afrika Korps lands in Tripoli, Libya
Captain Cook killed in Hawaii

1961 1556 1989 1921 1920 1816 1941 1804 1907 1864 1014 1884 1957 1779 1867 2014

Timeline instructions: on the horizontal line/boxes, write the year you think the event happened and in the box under the proper title write the event or an abbreviation of it if it does not fit in its entirety. Then, pick 4 of the February 14th timeline events and draw a 'STAR' in the upper right corner of each event that you remember from your past social studies classes.

Lastly, answer the following questions.

On a separate sheet of loose leaf paper answer the following:

1. Why do you think some historical events are more remembered than others? Should every historical event be remembered equally, why or why not? Does your answer change if you consider a different point of view? For example, someone in the United States might be more inclined to remember Jackie Kennedy's tour of the White House, but someone from Britain might be more inclined to remember the death of James Cook.
2. Which of the above events would you most and least like to have been a fly on the wall for and why?
3. If social media existed, or had been widespread, during any of the events, write a social media post that would have been shared to inform people around the world of the event. You should also post 4 replies: one from someone in the country where the event took place, two from two other countries, and one from the original event poster. Balance historical accuracy with creativity in your posts.

February 14 events

Directions: Write historical event in the proper columns and label the proper dates for each one.

WORLD history

AMERICAN history

LOUISIANA history

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