

An Internet lesson plan
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Subject: St. Valentine's Day. Did you know...?

Level: Intermediate and above.

Time: 90 minutes

Aims: 1. To learn vocabulary associated with St. Valentine's Day
2. To find out about the origins of the day.
3. To enrich students' vocabulary concerning crime.
4. To broaden their knowledge of history.

Technical requirements: one computer per 2 students, with the Internet connection.

Knowledge: Students should be skilled at typing the URLs

Procedure:

1. Pre-stage

Ask students to do the quiz that they can find at

<http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/quizzes/vm/valentine.html>

And discuss new vocabulary.

2. While-stage.

ACTIVITY 1

a) Study the words

Set aside – keep for a special purpose

Candlelight dinner

Ponder – think deeply

Synopsis – summary

To club – beat with a club (stick)

Defy – resist, oppose

Do away with sth – get rid of sth

b) Type the address <http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/valentine/history.html>

and scan the text. Then answer the questions:

- a. Who was Saint Valentine?
- b. What was Lupercalia?
- c. Mention 2 traditions associated with Lupercalia.
- d. When did Valentine's cards become popular?

ACTIVITY 2

a) Study the words and try to guess the content of the story.

To riddle – make holes

A mobster – gangster

Puzzling – confusing, bewildering

An account – explanation

To take into custody – arrest

A gamut – range

To bootleg – make, carry or sell sth illegally

To splatter – splash

To enact – represent or perform sth as in a play, act out

An outfit –here: a group of people associated in some activity

A sting (slang)- method of cheating used by agents to entrap criminals

Fake- false

Bland- mild

To indict- to charge with the commission of a crime, accuse

Evasion- avoiding a duty

A blueprint- a detailed plan

b) Type the address

<http://mysterynet.com/vdaymassacre/main.shtml>

read the story and note down main events

3. **Post-stage**

Students try to retell the story, then, as homework, they write a summary.

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