

Mother's Day and Father's Day



Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you know about these two holidays?
- When are they?

Definitions:

- Official – having been decided by an authority (person who has the right or power by law)
- Duty – a certain task or type of work done for a particular job

Reading

14 Most U.S. holidays celebrate famous people or events. However, there are two U.S. holidays
29 that **honor** more commonplace folks. You probably spent many years with them when you were
younger. You still may see them every day!

37 Mother's Day and Father's Day are times to say "thank you" and "I love you" to parents, or
55 other special adults. You often hear the phrases, "Happy Mother's Day, Mom!" and "Happy
69 Father's Day, Dad!" on these holidays.

75 The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day. It is a day to thank mothers for their hard work
94 and love. People give cards and flowers to their mothers and grandmothers. Some give gifts of
110 candy and jewelry. Being served breakfast in bed is a special treat for many moms! Mother's Day
127 is mom's day off. She gets a break from her regular mom duties. Other family members do
144 mom's work on this holiday. It is a day for moms to **relax**.

157 Mother's Day began because of Anna Jarvis, a woman from West Virginia. She first thought
172 of Mother's Day. It was her idea to use flowers to honor mothers. In 1914, President Woodrow
189 Wilson made Mother's Day a U.S. holiday.

196 Father's Day is the third Sunday in June. Family members give gifts to their fathers and
212 grandfathers. Some dads receive cards, books or clothes. Others are treated to a special Father's
227 Day meal at a nice restaurant. Breakfast in bed is a wonderful gift for Dads, too!

243 A woman from Washington first thought of Father's Day. Her name was Sonora Dodd. Her
258 mother died when she was a young girl. Her father raised five sons and a daughter by himself.
276 Ms. Dodd wanted to honor her father for his hard work and love. In 1910, she started the first
295 Father's Day. In 1972, President Richard Nixon made Father's Day an official U.S. holiday.

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