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# THE HISTORY OF **MOTHER'S DAY**

## *Read the Passage*

Mother's Day is a holiday that honors mothers and their contributions to families and society. The modern celebration of Mother's Day began in the United States in the early 1900s.

A woman named Anna Jarvis is known as the founder of Mother's Day. She wanted to honor her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, who had worked hard to improve public health. In 1908, Anna organized the first official Mother's Day celebration in West Virginia.

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day a national holiday. It is celebrated on the second Sunday of May in the United States and many other countries.

However, Mother's Day has older roots. Ancient Greeks and Romans held festivals to honor mother goddesses. In England, there was also a tradition called "Mothering Sunday."

## *Questions*

**Who started Mother's Day?**

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**Why did Anna Jarvis create Mother's Day?**

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**When was the first official celebration?**

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**Who made Mother's Day a national holiday?**

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**Name one ancient tradition related to Mother's Day.**

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