

# POP! TEACHER RESOURCE

## Lesson Plan

### Celebrating Love

Lesson Plan for *Valentine's Day*  
Grade 1

#### Objective

To help students identify the reasons the author gives to support points in the text and practice participating in group discussions.

#### Things Needed

- *Valentine's Day* book
- Whiteboard

#### Before the Activity

Read *Valentine's Day* out loud to students.

#### Activity

Turn to page 6 in *Valentine's Day*. The book says, "Valentine's Day . . . is a day to celebrate love." Ask students to use Chapter 2 ("Secret Love") and Chapter 4 ("Celebrations") to individually think about why the author makes that statement. After a minute or two, have students pair up and talk to each other about their answers. Then, have the students come back together as a class to discuss their answers. Write their answers on the whiteboard. Possible answers could include:

- Valentine helped people marry in secret (p. 12).
- People spend time with loved ones on Valentine's Day (p. 18).
- People do nice things for each other (p. 19).
- People celebrate the holiday by giving each other gifts such as candy or cards (p. 20).

Then, ask students to individually think of a time someone did something nice for them. What are other examples of nice things people can do for each other? After a minute or two, have students pair up and talk to each other about their answers. Then, have the students come back together as a class to discuss their answers. Write their answers on the whiteboard.



**Evaluation**

Could students use the text to answer the question about Valentine's Day? Could students participate in small and large group discussions?

**Standards**

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.8), and speaking and listening standards, grade 1 (SL 1.1).

