



ESL Newsletter Levels 1 and 2



February
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Black His-
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Month
12—Lincoln
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Valentine's
Day
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dent's Day
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Wednesday

Mary: Do you celebrate Valentine's Day in your country?

Ivan: Yes, we celebrate Valentine's Day in Mexico.

Mary: Are you a romantic person?

Ivan: Yes, I am.

Mary: Do you prefer chocolates or flowers on Valentine's Day?

Ivan: I prefer chocolate

Maricela: Is Valentine's Day more for men or women?

Aisana: I think it is similar for both.

Maricela: Do you prefer chocolates or flowers on Valentine's Day?

Aisana: I prefer flowers on Valentine's Day.

Madiyah: Will you cook on Valentine's Day?

Ramona: Yes, I will cook.

Madiyah: Have you ever received a Valentine's Day card or gift from anyone? If yes, from who? How did it make you feel?

Ramona: Yes, from my husband. I felt happy.

Madiyah: Some restaurants charge higher prices on Valentine's Day. Are you willing to pay more to dine

Lily: Will you cook on Valentine's Day or go out?

Rosita: I will cook.

Lily: Do you prefer chocolates or flowers on Valentine's Day?

Rosita: I prefer flowers.

Mario: Are you expecting to get a gift on Valentine's Day?

Adriana: Yes, a letter from my boyfriend, Miguel.

Coffee Cream Mocha Cake

Ingredients: 2 packs of Mexican cookies

1 Philadelphia cream cheese bar

2 sticks of butter

2 cups of hot water

5 tablespoons instant coffee

1 cup of grated coconut

1 cup of chopped walnuts

Mix together the cheese, the butter, and 1 tablespoon of coffee.

In a bowl, dissolve 4 tablespoons of coffee in 2 cups of hot water.

In a rectangular pan, soak the cookies in the liquid coffee as the first layer. On top of this, put the cream cheese, butter, and coffee mixture and garnish with the chopped nuts and the grated coconut. Repeat this until you have created several layers.

Joseling Lara
Linda Zhu
Maria Garcia
Maria Barragan



President's Day

By Alex Morales and Daniel Navarro

President's Day, celebrated on the third Monday of each February. The origin is in the senator by Arkansas Steven W. Dorsey. In the late 1870's, he proposed to celebrate George Washington Day on February 22 as a federal holiday. The first President was born that day. This proposal was ratified in 1879 by President Rutherford Birchard Hayes, turning the initiative of the state representative on the day to commemorate Washington's birthday.

Rutherford Birchard Hayes



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln Adriana A. Erika O. Alex M. Christian H. Rafael S. and Sandra T.

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 in Hodgenville, Kentucky. He was married to Mary Todd. He was the 16th president of the United States. from 1861 to 1865, during the American Civil War. He was the first Republican president. He was recognized for abolishing slavery and for the union of the North and South, for this reason during the third act of a play, John Wilkes, shot Lincoln. He died on April 15, 1865 at the age of 56, in Washington D.C.



**WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?
BY VALERIA DUQUE
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS AN ANNUAL OBSERVATION:

- IT BEGAN AS A WAY OF REMEMBERING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA.
- ITS PREDECESSOR WAS THE HISTORIAN CARTER G. WOODSON AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE LIFE AND HISTORY OF BLACKS ANNOUNCED THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY AS "WEEK OF THE HISTORY OF BLACKS." THAT WEEK WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE IT COINCIDED WITH THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 12 AND FREDERICK DOUGLASS ON FEBRUARY 14, BOTH DATES CELEBRATED BY BLACK COMMUNITIES SINCE THE 1995.
- IT WAS CREATED IN 1996 IN THE UNITED STATES

Students answered these two questions in writing:

1. "What is your favorite thing in our English class?"
2. "What do you like best in Burbank Adult School?"

Answers were varied and highly creative:

"My favorite thing in our class is the friendly classmates."

- Nikolai Vostokov

▶ "My favorite thing in our English class is to write, read, and pronounce, and to move forward and reach my goals."

- Yesenia Andrade

"My favorite thing in English class is practicing reading and pronunciation."

- Monica Ramirez

"My favorite thing in our English class is we can interact with all our classmates."

- Idalia Hernandez

"I like practicing English best in Burbank Adult School."

- Virginia Diaz

"I like the teachers best in Burbank Adult School."

- Richard Tellez

"I like when the teacher explains all things in English best in Burbank Adult School."



Ash Wednesday is an important Christian holiday that marks (announces) the first day of **Lent**. is the six- week period of time before Easter. During these six weeks, religious Christians make a vow (promise) to abstain from (stop doing) something they normally enjoy throughout the rest of the year. For example, we might hear someone say, "I am giving up chocolate for Lent." This shows they like chocolate very much, but will not eat it for six weeks as a commitment to their faith.

To show their strong devotion to their faith in another way, religious Christians place a tall smudge of ash on their foreheads. This looks like a little mark of dirt, and symbolizes the words from the Bible, "Ashes to ashes, Dust to dust." They put this little **ash** mark on their faces during **Ash Wednesday**.