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I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.
Martin Luther King, 28 August, 1963

Agatha Christie was born in 1890 in the southwest part of England. The youngest of three siblings, she was educated at home by her mother, who encouraged her daughter to write. As a child, Christie enjoyed fantasy play and creating characters. .../...
Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple are Christie's most well-known detectives. .../...
She is one of the top-selling authors in history, with her combined works selling more than 2 billion copies worldwide. .../...
Several of Christie's works have become popular movies, including *Murder on the Orient Express* (1974) and *Death on the Nile* (1978).
Christie died on **January 12, 1976.**

Adapted from <https://www.biography.com/authors-writers/agatha-christie>



Monday January 15th

Martin Luther King Day is an American holiday. .../...
Before 1964, black people in America were treated as second class citizens.
In some parts of the country they weren't allowed to use the same schools, diners, [buses], cinemas or even public toilets as white people.
Martin Luther King wanted to change this.

On 28 August 1963 he marched to Washington DC - the capital of America - and delivered a ground-breaking speech [which] inspired millions of people, and helped to bring about the 1964 Civil Rights Act.
This Act ended the official separation of people by race in public places in the US.
.../... In 1964, Martin Luther King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his campaigning but four years later in 1968 he was shot and killed.

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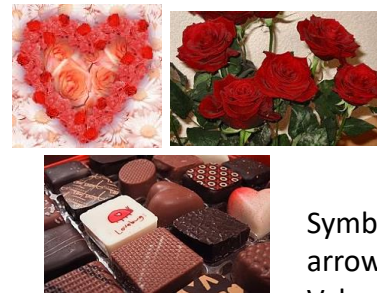


Tuesday, February 6th

James Cook, a British explorer, colonised New Zealand in 1740. On 6 February, 1840, a representative of British Queen Victoria signed a peace treaty with 40 Māori chiefs. The Treaty was signed in a place called Waitangi. It established that New Zealand was part of the British Empire, and that the Māori had the same rights as other British citizens. .../...
In 1906, New Zealand became an independent country. To honour the country's history, Waitangi Day was named the national day. .../...

Waitangi Day is a day to eat Māori food, do Māori dances, and watch *waka* canoe races. Because New Zealand is in the southern hemisphere, February is in the middle of summer there. So Waitangi Day is a good day to have picnics at the beach.

Adapted from <https://www.speakeasy-news.com/waitangi-day-in-new-zealand/>



Valentine's Day is a celebration that happens on February 14. It is the day of the year when lovers celebrate their love. This can be done by giving flowers, chocolates, Valentine's cards or just a nice gift. Love notes can be given to one another. These notes that people give out are also called *valentines*. .../...

Symbols of Valentine's Day are heart shapes, roses, and Cupid with his arrows. Valentine's Day is named for the martyred Christian saint named Valentine. He was a bishop that married forbidden couples.
Since the 14th century, Valentine's pairs are formed in England. English emigrants then took the Valentine's custom to the United States. After World War II, US soldiers brought this festival to Europe.

Source : https://wiki.kidzsearch.com/wiki/Valentine%27s_Day