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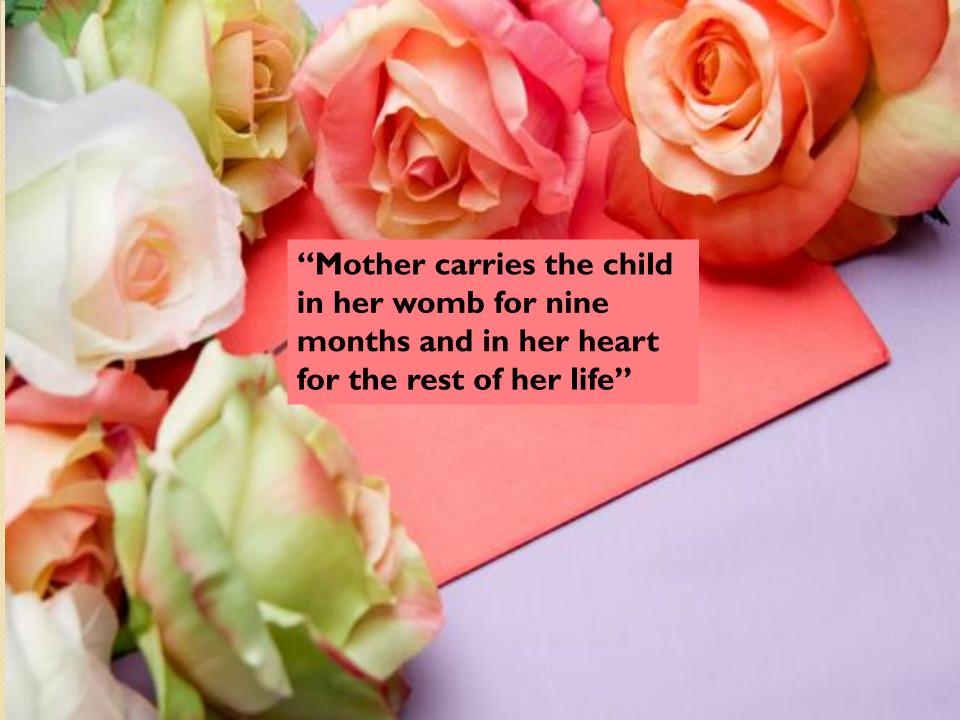




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	Country	Day	Date
	India, the United States of Amerika, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Turkey, Sweden	Second Sunday in the month of May	May 11, 2014
	Austria, Hong Kong, Romania, Taiwan, Hungary, Portugal, Spain,	First Sunday in the month of May	May 11, 2014
	United, Kingdom,	Fourth Sunday in the month of March	March 23, 2014

The earliest history of Mother's Day dates back to the ancient times. The Greeks to held festivities honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology. The ancient Romans, too, celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. The celebration lasted for three days and included parades, games and masquerades.



The early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. But then the custom of celebrating Mothering Sunday died out almost completely by the 19th century.

The story of Mother's Day began in the USA with the efforts of a dynamic writer and poetess, Julia Ward Howe in 1872. She initiated a Mothers' Peace Day observance on the second Sunday in June in Boston



and held the meeting for a number of years. Her idea spread but was later replaced by the Mothers' Day holiday now celebrated in May.

Mother's day was celebrated first in 1908 in America. Anna Jarvis is recognized as the Founder of Mother's Day in the USA. Though Anna Jarvis never married and never had kids, she is also known as the Mother of Mother's Day, an apt title for the lady who worked a lot to bestow honor on all mothers.



The hard work paid off. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state in the Union and on May 8, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

The symbol of the holiday were Carnations Anna's mother favorite flowers. Anna felt that they symbolized a mother's pure love.





In the UK, Mother's Day celebrations started by the name of Mothering Sunday, several years before the tradition found its roots in the UK. Mothering Sunday came to be celebrated following the practice in the UK of 17th century wherein children of poor families were send to work as apprentice and domestic servants with the rich. These children were allowed to visit their 'Mother Church' or the Cathedral of their home town annually in the middle of the fasting month of Lent. Children met their mothers after visiting the church and presented them with flowers and special 'Mothering Cakes'.



The custom received a set back with the advent of Industrial Revolution when the lifestyles changes. American soldiers contributed in the revival of the tradition after the World War II.

The date of Mothering Sunday in the UK varies every year. It does not correspond to the Mother's Day festival in US which falls on the second Sunday in the month of May. Mothering Sunday in England is always celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter) in honor of Mary, the mother of Christ. The more commonly prepared dish of Mothering Sunday is Simnel Cake.



Simnel Cake is a special food item associated with Mothering Sunday. A Simnel cake is a rich fruit cake with a layer of almond paste on top and also in the middle. The cake is made with 11 balls of marzipan (a confection made of ground almonds or almond paste, egg whites and sugar, often molded into decorative shapes) icing on top representing the II disciples (Judas is not included). The cake was boiled in water, then baked. The Lenten fast dictated that the simnel cake be keep until Easter.







M - O - T - H - E - R

"M" is for the million things

she gave me,

"O" means only that

she's growing old,

"T" is for the tears

she shed to save me,

"H" is for her heart

of purest gold;

"E" is for her eyes,

with love-light shining,

"R" means right, and right

she'll always be,

Put them all together,

they spell "MOTHER,"

A word that means

the world to me.



