



Generation Homeschool



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Dear Reader,

It's February and love is in the air! I want to say thank you to all of those who subscribed to our YouTube page, as well as those who have liked us on Facebook and stalked us on Twitter! The e-mail subscription list continues to grow and that encourages me to continue with my work – bringing it straight to you!

I love hearing from you, so click on any of the social media icons at the top, or email us under the title and tell me what you think about Generation Homeschool!



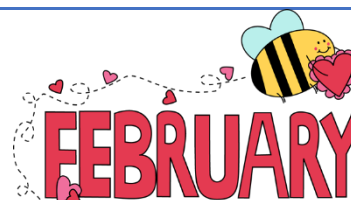
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LAST MONTH

We are in the process of updating our website! Some content is now live. Be sure to check in often for the latest in freebies, blogs, and vlogs!

Please participate in our [Online Survey](#) regarding homeschool! Only 10 questions and completely anonymous!

New GUEST Blog with Gia, only at GenerationHomeschool.com!



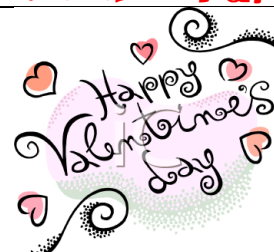
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Want to share?

If you have something to share, please email us and include in the subject: [Newsletter Add-In](#)

**Subscriber Freebies
at the End!**





Homeschool News

GENERATION HOMESCHOOL NARRATIVE 2017 ESSAY PROJECT

"THE (ADJECTIVE) OF HOMESCHOOLING"

Entries accepted Jan 1 - Feb 28

Essay should be at least:

- 350 words (750 max)
 - Typed
 - Double Spaced
 - 12 Pt. font.
 - Times New Roman
 - 1" margins
 - Proof-read for Grammar and Spelling
1. E-mail your submission to: generationhomeschool@gmail.com - Preferably in PDF format, but traditional forms will be accepted.
 2. Subject: Narrative Essay
 3. No cover page needed, but please include the writer's first name in either the text of the email or at the end of the essay.
 4. There is no cost to submit your essay.
 5. By submitting your essay, you agree to it being posted on Generation Homeschool's website
 6. (<http://www.generationhomeschool.weebly.com>) with the link shared on social media (G+, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, etc.).
 7. Further, you agree that you are submitting your essay on a volunteer basis and understand there is no monetary compensation for any submission.
 8. Generation Homeschool reserves the right not to publish any submission they deem inappropriate.
 9. If you are a minor* (under age 18), please get your parents' permission first!

*Parents, if you do not want your child's essay shared on our website and/or social media, please include instructions via e-mail expressing this request in writing.

Links and Free Resources

Be sure to check out [Generation Homeschool](http://www.generationhomeschool.com) for the newest freebies for kids and parents!

Encouragement

The love we feel and experience is nothing compared to that of our beloved father! Stay strong in your walk and know that He is with you.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

~John 3:16



Lessons at EHA

Mathematics

- Graphing
- Converting Temperatures
- Mean, Median, Mode
- Multiplying fractions and decimals
- Number Lines and Quadrant Planes
- Plotting

Literature

- The Railway Children
- Black Beauty
- A Little Princess
- Jack & Jill

Read Aloud

- Tom Sawyer

Science

- Plants
- Plant Cells
- Root Systems

Writing

- Narrative Essay
- Adjectives
- 3.5 Essays

History

- Roman Gladiators
- Vikings
- The Middle Ages

Online Lessons

- Spelling City
- Readtheory
- Xtramath
- Health

Pre-K Lessons

- Counting to 20
- Tracing Lines
- Shape Recognition
- Number Identification
- Matching Upper and Lower Case Letters
- Letters S & T
- Writing Name
- Reciting Address

Unit Study

Water Cycle



The Milk Jug

Nothing says “lovin” like a warm, ooey, gooey, lava cake. Keep the romance blooming with this delicious dish! For an extra twist, add a pinch of cayenne pepper to the center for a warmer bite!

Hot Lava Cake



Ingredients

- 4 ounces semi-sweet baking chocolate, chopped
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter (plus a little more for greasing the custard cups)
- 2 tablespoons sugar (plus a little more for the custard cups)
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt

What to Do:

- Preheat oven to 425°F
- Grease two 6- to 8- ounce custard cups generously with butter.
- Put a small spoonful of sugar in each cup, turning to coat. Dump the excess.
- Put the chopped chocolate in a microwave safe bowl. Microwave on high in 30 second intervals, stirring between each interval. Continue until completely melted.
- Cut the butter into cubes and combine with sugar in a medium mixing bowl. Cream together. It is finished when it is paste-like with no lumps.
- Add two eggs. Beat with the electric mixer until everything is combined and the mixture is starting to foam – about 1 minute.
- Add flour and salt. Beat to combine.
- Add 1/3 of the melted chocolate and gently fold into the batter. Add the rest of the chocolate mixture and gently fold until combined well with no streaks.
- Divide batter evenly between the custard cups. Cups shouldn't be more than ¾ full.
- Bake just until the tops are set and the edges of the cake pull away from the cup, about 11 minutes. Allow to sit for 5 minutes.
- Flip cups upside down onto a dessert plate. Tap the bottom if the cake doesn't come out right away.
- Serve immediately. Garnish with whipped cream, ice cream, chocolate syrup, berries, or just powdered sugar.

Recipe from [Christine Byrne](#)

An Acrostic Poem

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How Many Words?

Use the letters of the words “Valentine’s Day”. How many can you find?

Valentine’s Day

The Legend of St. Valentine

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first “valentine” greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed “From your Valentine,” an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Valentine's Day Greetings

In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the “Mother of the Valentine,” made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as “scrap.” Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

(from History.com)