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The History of Valentine's Day

Directions: Read the following history of Valentines Day. Look at the sentences below, and then write questions for each sentence based on the underlined portions.

The holiday of St. Valentine's Day has its roots in both Christian and Roman traditions. The most popular legend states that a priest named Valentine served in Rome during the third century. He continued marrying couples even though Emperor Claudius II had outlawed this rite. Claudius believed that soldiers who were not married were superior to those who were. Valentine believed in love and the sanctity of marriage. Unfortunately, Valentine's secret was discovered by Claudius, and Valentine was put to death for his actions. During the middle ages, the story of Saint Valentine was one of the most popular in both France and England.

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1. **The holiday of St. Valentine's Day** has its roots in both Christian and Roman traditions.
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2. Valentine served in Rome **during the third century**.
    _____?

3. **Claudius II** put Valentine to death for his actions.
    _____?

4. The holiday was most popular **in France and in England**.
    _____?

5. Valentine was put to death **because he married couples in secret against the wishes of Claudius II.**

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