



Directions: Cut out along the outside and fold down the middle.

Write about what Miss Anna believed Mothers' Day should represent. Why was she not pleased at the outcome a few years later into the new National Holiday? Do you think Mothers' Day has become too commercialized?

Mothers' Day

Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, Pa., started Mother's Day on Sunday in May, 1907. "In planning it," she says, "I think I had grown people more in mind than the children. The little ones are always close to their mother, but the grownup sons and daughters drift away from her. They forget the years in which she gave them so much love and care. Originally, I wanted every one to wear a white carnation as a tribute and to make a visit to the mother. I wanted it to be a day when all the children would either be with the loved one or send her a message. for those whose mothers have left this earth, there was the opportunity ot live for that one day just the way she would have them live, and to do some generous and some fine deed as a memorial to her."

It does not fall to the lot of many women to see the tiny seed of an idea springing out of the love they bore in their own mother grow to a vast movement over the entire world, in which railroads, telegraph companies, State officials, churches, schools, shops and the general public join. That however, has been the reward of Miss Jarvis, whose Mother's Day Association is now the most widely known woman's association in the world. It is now (in 1916) the greatest world celebration.