

# Father's Day



## Father's Day Gifts

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Father's Day is celebrated around the world to thank father figures in our lives.

## How Did Father's Day Begin?

The first event to remember fathers was thought to have happened on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1908 in a church in the USA. The Sunday sermon was dedicated to the men who worked in the mines after a terrible incident had happened there. Many of these men were fathers and grandfathers. After this, Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to organise an official day for fathers. Sonora and her five brothers and sisters had been looked after by their father. She had heard about Mother's Day and wanted there to also be a Father's Day.

Sonora went to churches, shopkeepers and even the government to talk about her plan. However, people told Sonora that they didn't think Father's Day was as important as Mother's Day. Sonora didn't agree and said that people either needed to celebrate both of their parents or none at all.

Then, her hard work paid off. The 19<sup>th</sup> June 1910 was confirmed as the first Father's Day.

## Father's Day around the World

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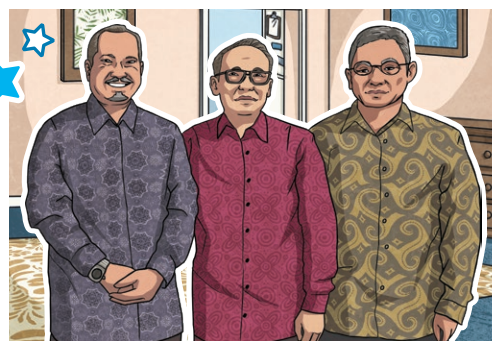
### Thailand .....

In Thailand, Father's Day is a holiday and happens on 5<sup>th</sup> December. This was a previous king's birthday.

## Did You Know...?

Father's Day is always held on the third Sunday in June in the UK. This is close to the summer solstice, which is the longest day of the year. Father's Day is a great time to thank any father figure, such as a stepfather, grandfather, uncle or even a family friend who has looked after us.

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## Australia .....

In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September, which is the beginning of spring.

# Questions

1. When is the first event to remember fathers thought to have happened? Tick one.

- 4<sup>th</sup> July 1908
- 5<sup>th</sup> July 1908
- 6<sup>th</sup> July 1908
- 7<sup>th</sup> July 1908

2. How many brothers and sisters did Sonora Smart Dodd have? Tick one.

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- four
- five
- six

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Father's Day.

In Thailand,  
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celebrated around the world.

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happens on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

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- How Did Father's Day Begin?
- Did You Know...?
- Father's Day around the World
- Father's Day Gifts

5. Fill in the missing words.

In \_\_\_\_\_, Father's Day is celebrated on the first  
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**Accept any appropriate responses, such as: He is not the king anymore.**

7. Would you like to meet Sonora Smart Dodd? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I would like to meet Sonora Smart Dodd because she sounds really interesting. I would like to ask her more about how she got people to agree to have a Father's Day.**

# Father's Day



## Father's Day Gifts

Traditionally, father figures are often given socks, ties or mugs as gifts. However, all dads are different and would like to receive different things.



Most father figures will receive a card that might contain a slogan, such as 'World's Best Dad'.

According to one card company, Father's Day is the fourth largest card-sending holiday in the year. Some children may also choose to make their own cards or personalised gifts for the special father figure in their lives.



Father's Day is celebrated around the world to recognise the contribution that father figures make to the lives of children.

## How Did Father's Day Begin?

It is thought that the first event to honour fathers was held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1908 in a church in West Virginia, USA. Following a terrible incident in a nearby coal mine, the Sunday sermon was dedicated to the men who worked in the mines. Many of these men were fathers and grandfathers.

Inspired by this event, a young woman called Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to organise an official day to honour all fathers. When she was 16, Sonora and her five brothers and sisters had been raised by their father. Sonora had heard about Mother's Day and wanted fathers to be honoured in the same way.

Sonora went to churches, shopkeepers and even the government to raise awareness of her plan. However, people told Sonora that they didn't think Father's Day was as important as Mother's Day. Sonora was unimpressed by this and said that people either needed to celebrate both of their parents or none at all.

Eventually, her hard work paid off. The 19<sup>th</sup> June 1910 was confirmed as the first official Father's Day.

## Father's Day around the World

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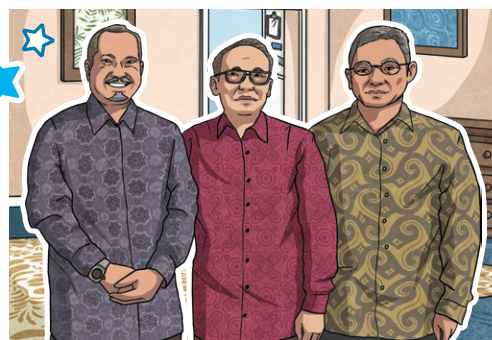
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For example, in Germany, Father's Day is celebrated by eating delicious local food.

Did You Know...?

In many countries, Father's Day is held on the third Sunday in June. This is around the same time as the summer solstice, which is the longest day of the year. Father's Day is a great opportunity to appreciate and celebrate any man who plays the role of a father whether they be a stepfather, grandfather, uncle or even a family friend who has looked after us.

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Thailand .....

In Thailand, Father's Day is a public holiday and it is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> December. This was the birthday of a previous king of the country.



Australia .....

In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September, which is the beginning of spring.



# Questions

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- March
- April
- May
- June

2. Where did Sonora Smart Dodd go to raise awareness of her plan? Tick **two**.

- churches
- playgrounds
- schools
- the government

3. Which section contains information about the first official Father's Day? Tick one.

- How Did Father's Day Begin?
- Did You Know...?
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4. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- The first official Father's Day was confirmed.
- The first event to honour fathers was held in a church in West Virginia.
- Sonora went to raise awareness of her plan.
- Sonora wanted to organise an official day to honour all fathers.

5. Look at the section titled **Did You Know...?**

Find and copy one word which means the same as **recognise**.

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Father's Day will still be being celebrated in 100 years' time because there will still be father figures around and children will still want to thank them.**

8. Using 30 words or fewer, summarise how the first Father's Day began.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Sonora was inspired by a Sunday sermon to ask for there to be a Father's Day. She asked lots of people and the first one happened in 1910.**

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Traditionally, father figures are often given socks, ties or mugs as gifts. However, all dads are different and would like to receive different things.



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According to one card-making company, Father's Day is the fourth largest card sending holiday in the year. Some children may also choose to make their own cards or personalised gifts for the special father figure in their lives.



## How Did Father's Day Begin?

It is thought that the first event organised to honour fathers was held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1908 in a church in West Virginia, USA. Following a devastating explosion at a nearby coal mine in Monongah, the Sunday sermon was dedicated to the men who worked in the mines. Many of these men were fathers and grandfathers.

Inspired by the previous year's event, a young woman called Sonora Smart Dodd started campaigning for an official day to honour all fathers. From the age of 16, Sonora and her five siblings had been raised by their father. Sonora had heard about the recent introduction of a Mother's Day and wanted fathers to be honoured in the same way.

Eager to get things started, Sonora went to churches, shopkeepers and even the government to raise awareness and to highlight the importance of fathers. However, the idea of Father's Day was met with disinterest as it was not thought to be as important as Mother's Day. Sonora was unimpressed by this and claimed that people either needed to celebrate both of their parents or none at all. Eventually, her determination and hard work paid off. The 19<sup>th</sup> June 1910 was confirmed by Washington State as the first official Father's Day.

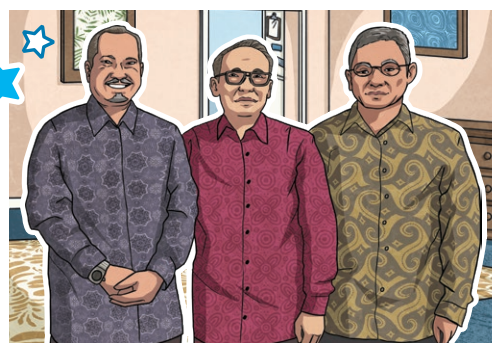
## Father's Day around the World

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Did You Know...?

The date when Father's Day is celebrated varies from country to country. In many, Father's Day is held on the third Sunday in June. This is around the same time as the summer solstice: the longest day of the year. There are no set traditions on how people celebrate Father's Day and different families celebrate it in different ways. However, it is a great opportunity to appreciate and celebrate any man who plays the role of a father whether they be a stepfather, grandfather, uncle or even a family friend who has looked after us.

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Germany .....

For example, in Germany, Father's Day is celebrated by indulging in delicious local food. It is also known as Männertag.



Thailand .....

In Thailand, Father's Day is a public holiday and it is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> December, the birthday of a previous king of the country.



Australia .....

In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September, which is the beginning of spring. In Victoria, fathers and father figures are honoured through various awards, including one called the Father of the Year Award.



# Questions

1. When was the first official Father's Day? Tick one.

- 5<sup>th</sup> July 1908  
 19<sup>th</sup> June 1910  
 5<sup>th</sup> December 1910  
 19<sup>th</sup> July 1918

2. Draw **four** lines and match each sub-heading with the correct description.

How Did Father's  
Day Begin?

Information about cards and gifts  
that might be seen on Father's Day.

Did You Know...?

Information about Sonora  
Smart Dodd.

Father's Day  
around the World

Information about when in June  
Father's Day is held.

Father's Day Gifts

Information about Father's Day in  
different countries.

3. **However, the idea of Father's Day was met with disinterest as it was not thought to be as important as Mother's Day.**

What do the words **met with disinterest** mean?

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4. Fill in the missing words.

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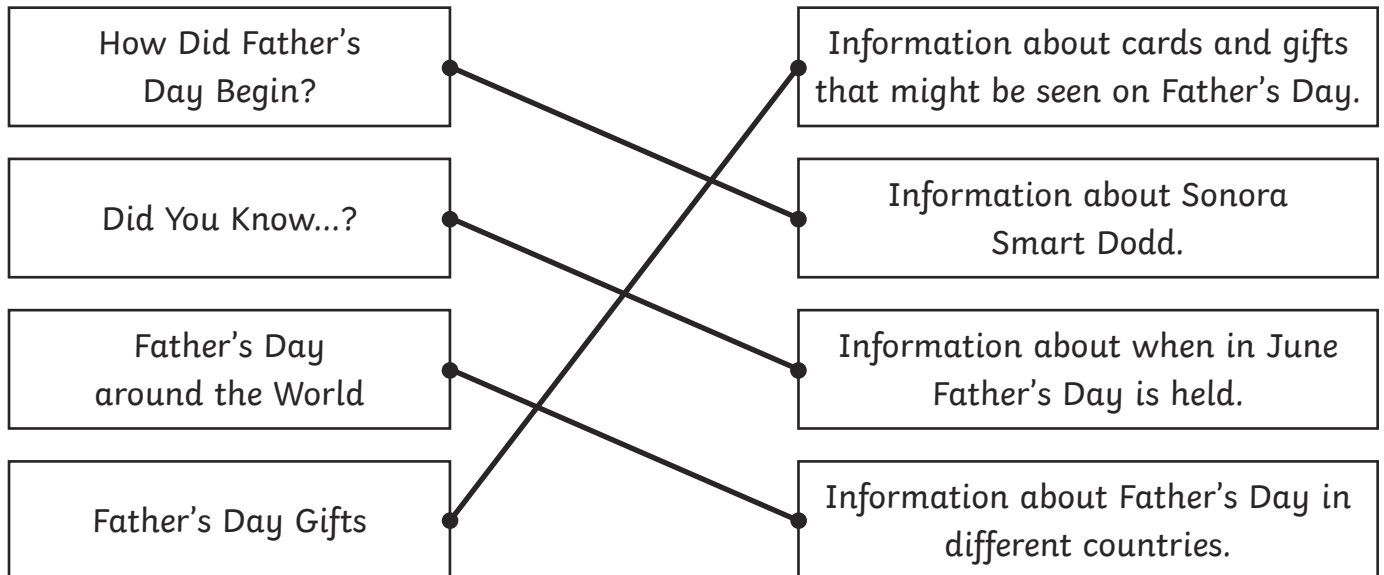
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3. **However, the idea of Father's Day was met with disinterest as it was not thought to be as important as Mother's Day.**

What do the words **met with disinterest** mean?

**Accept any appropriate answer, such as: It means that people were not interested in the idea of Father's Day.**

4. Fill in the missing words.

In Germany, Father's Day is **celebrated** by indulging in delicious **local** food.

5. When do people celebrate Father's Day in Australia?

**In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September.**

6. Argue that Sonora did the right thing by campaigning for there to be a Father's Day.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Sonora did the right thing because there was already a Mother's Day and it would have been unfair to have only celebrated mothers when fathers also raise children and do lots to look after them.**

7. Compare Father's Day in Thailand to Father's Day in Australia.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: In Thailand, Father's Day is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> December. This date was chosen because it was a king's birthday. In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated in September which is the start of spring.**

8. Explain how you think that Sonora felt during the first official Father's Day.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Sonora felt proud during the first official Father's Day because she had worked hard to get it to happen and now it was happening. She also probably enjoyed it because lots of people didn't believe in the idea but she had made it work.**