

OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

Directions Respond using evidence from *Observe Mother's Day*. Paraphrase your answers.

1. Who wrote this article and what is her significance?
2. What is the official flower of Mother's Day?
3. According to the author, how should the holiday be observed?
4. According to the author, in what ways should Mother's Day *not* be celebrated?
5. Describe one way that Mother's Day is celebrated today. Would the author agree or disagree with the celebration you described? Explain.
6. Use the space below to write a social media post persuading your followers to celebrate Mother's Day how the creator wanted it to be observed. *Tip: Don't use first person ("I think...")*



Anna Jarvis

Observe Mother's Day; It's In Honor of "The Best Mother Who Ever Lived"

White carnations symbolic of maternal devotion will be the national flower on Sunday, May 13. Mothers' Day is to be observed in the churches and elsewhere on that date. The carnation was selected as the flower for that date by Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, who started the observance.

Mothers' day, celebrated the second Sunday in May, is a holiday of the heart and home.

Glossary

aid: to help

creeds: belief systems

endeavor: to try to do something

filial gratitude: son or daughter being thankful

maternal: relating to mother

observance: celebration

patriot: someone who loves his/her country

reunion: to get together again

solicit: to ask

symbolic: something that represents something else

tribute: to give a special compliment

It is a celebration for all nations, races, classes and creeds. It is in special honor of "the best mother who ever lived" – THE MOTHER OF YOUR HEART. And it also is intended that on this day named after "mother" (because of all of our many special days none pay her tribute either as a woman, mother or patriot), that the father, too shall be shown the same filial gratitude for his goodness to his children, as the mother is shown. Mothers' day is just as much a Fathers' day as it could be if it were named after him. It is desired for family reunion, not for the separation of mother and father, or of the children from either in their observance.

Many persons feel because Mothers' day is free for all to celebrate, it is also free for them to use to solicit funds in the name of "charity," or for their societies, or other things, or through the special sales of articles in public places, etc. This is not true. No person should use Mothers' day in a way he would not permit his own name or work to be used, and above all endeavor to get money from the public through it.

If you believe in Mothers' day, give it your protection, your aid and your influence. Help to make it a great home-coming day, a day of family reunions and of uplift in the home and church and the individual lives of men and women.

Source: Anna Jarvis, *Grand Forks Herald* (North Dakota), 1917