What kind of Valentine are you? Take this quiz to find out!

1. Valentine’s Day is fast approaching. In preparation, you:

   a) Ask your boyfriend/girlfriend every day what you are doing until the day of.
   b) Do nothing. Valentine’s Day is just another day as far as you’re concerned.
   c) Buy Valentine cards for the whole class, that way no one feels left out.

2. You planned the perfect gift for your special someone. It’s:

   a) A lock of hair you furtively clipped from their head on your first date, surrounded by a heart-shaped collage of other date memorabilia.
   b) A five-dollar box of Russell Stover chocolates from CVS.
   c) Heart shaped pancakes with chocolate chips the morning of.

3. This song is so romantic:

   a) Ellie Goulding- I Need Your Love
   b) Destiny’s Child- Independent Woman
   c) Bill Withers- Lean on Me

4. Why don’t you:

   a) love me?
   b) leave me alone?
   c) finish your homework?

Tally up your responses and make note of which letter you got the most, then flip to the back to find your result!

Concentration-appropriate V-Day Date Ideas:
- Social Studies: Read Foucault’s The History of Sexuality together.
- HEB: Practice survival of the fittest ;)
- Economics: Limo service, Cristal, Top of the Hub, suite at the Four Seasons.
- Government: You’re allowed to cheat on your significant other on Valentine’s Day, right?
- Visual and Environmental Studies: Screen The Notebook.
- Astrophysics: Star-gazing.
- Psychology: Couple’s therapy.

Dear Leighdra: Mather’s Own Advice Column

Dear Leighdra,

I’m tired of being alone on Valentine’s Day. What can I do to ease the pain of another solitary February 14?

-Single for Life

Dear SFL,

Relationships are overrated. Do you really want another person dragging you down for the rest your life? We’re all just sacks of skin with flesh and blood inside. That’s pretty gross when you think about it. Single doesn’t seem so bad anymore, eh?

Yours,
Leighdra

Send Leighdra your questions! Email her at gorillagazette@gmail.com, subject line “Dear Leighdra.”
Mather Blather

This week, we asked, “What is your worst Valentine’s Day story?” Here are some of your best submissions:

“In middle school, I found a bouquet of flowers on my doorstep on Valentine’s Day. I was so excited about my secret admirer, until I looked at the tag, and realized that they had been mistakenly delivered to my house. They were supposed to be delivered to the house next door, where there had been a death in the family.”

“I got called out of my Constitutional Law class to receive a singing Valentine. My class heard everything through the door.”

“I paid for Valentine’s dinner with a coupon.”

“I had a huge crush on a really cute, super popular guy in the fourth grade. I wrote a gushy poem in a card for him, but, long story short, it fell into the wrong hands. It was a lot to live down.”

“I used to work at Pinkberry, and a guy started hitting on me while I was working there. A couple weeks later, it was Valentine’s Day, and I got a huge pink heart with lace trim that said something super cheesy, signed ‘Love, Your Pinkberry Admirer.’ I was really scared, but it turned out to be a friend pranking me.”

“I sent my ex a friendly ‘hope you have a good day’ text on Valentine’s Day, two months after we had broken up. Later I found out she’d already had a new boyfriend for a month.”

Next week, we’re crowdsourcing suggestions for your favorite Massachusetts winter activities. Share your tips and stories and you might get featured in the Gazette! Email us at gorillagazette@gmail.com, subject line “Mather Blather.”

Mather Mirth

What did one pickle say to the other on Valentine’s Day?
You mean a great dill to me.

What happened when the man fell in love with his garden?
It made him wed his plants.

"I'm bananas over you."

You’ve Got Mather!

Mather Day is Thursday, March 13! Keep a look out in your inbox for information on how to get involved, including details on the annual T-shirt design contest!

Quiz Results:

If you answered mostly a’s you are a NEEDY valentine. You require constant affirmation. Some people might find this annoying, but I totally get it. Call me.

If you answered mostly b’s you are an ALOOF valentine. You have been described as a commitment-phobe, and you don’t think there’s anything wrong with this. For some reason, people are attracted to you despite (or perhaps because of) the fact that you’re emotionally unavailable.

If you answered mostly c’s you are MY MOM. Can you help me with my laundry this weekend?

Don’t miss this week’s Happy Hour: Red and Pink, Grab a Drink*, Get in the Mood, Grab Some Food! Chocolate covered fruit and cupcakes will be served!

*21+ for alcoholic beverages

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Comments/questions/suggestions/Mather-specific announcements are welcomed! Drop us a line at gorillagazette@gmail.com.