

# PERSPECTIVES OF THE DAY

## CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

### NATIONAL DAY

#### Make a Gift Day

Bring joy to Christmas 2025 with Make a Gift Day! This special day is for creating gifts for those special people in your life. Whether it's art, food, or even making your own gift wrapping, it's a perfect way to use your own creativity to spread the joy.

Giving gifts has been observed for centuries, even animals giving food or stones. Biologists connected this act to affection but to also show dominance in mating rituals.

Cultures celebrate gift giving in different ways; Native Americans have a gift-giving feast which they call potlach which they have been celebrating for thousands of years. Our birthday celebrations seem to come from Ancient Egypt who honored their pharaohs on their coronation days with gifts of jewelry and

various crops and even took it a step further and buried the pharaohs with all their belongings with added gifts so they would have it in the afterlife. We even get the art of blowing out candles from the Ancient Greeks to keep evil

spirits away.

WHY DID THE  
GINGERBREAD MAN LOVE  
DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>?  
IT WAS THE SWEET SPOT  
BETWEEN THANKSGIVING  
LEFTOVERS AND CHRISTMAS  
COOKIES!

Even though in the modern age we have lots of mass manufactured gifts and items, one from the hands and heart make for something even more special. Celebrate by making any kind of gift; food, handmade crafts, jewelry, art, even doing a helpful act or making wrapping for special gifts!

### TODAY IN HISTORY

- In 1943 the World War 2 the Battle of Monte Cassino occurs and Italy joins the war.
- In 1947 "A Streetcar Named Desire" debuts starring Jessica Tandy, Marlon Brando, and Kin Hunter.
- In 1948, the first woman army officer that was not in the medical corp was sworn in.
- In 1952 Hawaii has their first TV broadcast.
- In 1965 the Beatles release their sixth album, Rubber Soul.
- In 1966, the Monkees make their live concert debut in Hawaii.
- In 1976, Rocky makes it's debut starring Sylvester Stallone.
- In 1989, The Cold War is declared over.

## TODAY'S INTERESTING FACT

Agatha Christie disappears from her home in Berkshire, England on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1926. She goes missing for eleven days until she was found 200 miles away with no memory of what occurred during her time away. This became one of the greatest British mysteries which one historian, Lucy Worsley, is convinced she has cracked. Eight months prior to her disappearance, Christie had lost her mother in April and her husband divorced her for a younger woman in August of 1926. She fell into a deep depression by December of the same year, which Worsley believes caused a fugue state within the author. Christie reported forgetfulness, tearfulness, insomnia, an inability to cope with normal life, and she had even considered suicide. While this condition is very rare, it has been observed within people with extensive emotional strife. After Christie was found, conspiracy circled the story; she was accused of faking the memory loss and was working to frame her husband for murder since she was going by his mistresses' surname. Worsley dismisses any kind of conspiracy stating, "That's not framing your cheating husband for murder, that is living with a really serious mental health condition." Christie got remarried in 1930, was made a Dame in 1971, and died at the old age of 85 in 1976. Her stories and her stage play *The Mousetrap* are still relevant today and are revered as some of the greatest mystery writings in existence.

## TRIVIA

### Trivia

After Rocky became a big success in the theatres and the Oscars, how many sequels were released?

- A. 6
- B. 8
- C. 9
- D. 5

**"AND YOU, MY CHILD,  
WILL BE CALLED A  
PROPHET OF THE  
MOST HIGH; FOR YOU  
WILL GO ON BEFORE  
THE LORD TO PREPARE  
THE WAY FOR HIM, TO  
GIVE HIS PEOPLE THE  
KNOWLEDGE OF  
SALVATION THROUGH  
THE FORGIVENESS OF  
THEIR SINS, BECAUSE  
OF THE TENDER  
MERCY OF OUR GOD,  
BY WHICH THE RISING  
SUN WILL COME TO US  
FROM HEAVEN TO  
SHINE ON THOSE  
LIVING IN DARKNESS  
AND IN THE SHADOW  
OF DEATH, TO GUIDE  
OUR FEET INTO THE  
PATH OF PEACE."**

## Dec. 3rd Sudoku

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	9				4	5		
	6		9	7				4
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	3			2			1	
		4		5	3			9

## Dec. 3rd Sudoku

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3	1	9	5	6	8	7	4	2
4	8	6	7	3	2	9	5	1
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8	6	3	9	7	5	1	2	4
7	4	5	2	1	6	8	9	3
5	2	1	8	4	9	3	7	6
9	3	8	6	2	7	4	1	5
6	7	4	1	5	3	2	8	9