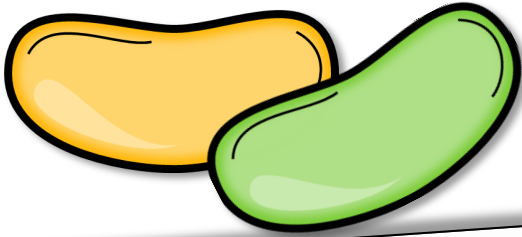


JELLY BEANS

A SWEET TREAT



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Answer the following questions:

When did jellybeans become popular in the United States?

What is the significance of jellybeans in history?

Which Easter?

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Who doesn't enjoy delicious jellybeans? These sweet, little candies have been around for quite a long time, but how they began is not really known.

The earliest reference to these little candies is from the time of the Civil War. Boston candy maker William Schrafft asked the citizens to show their support to the Union soldiers by sending jellybeans in the mail. He was sure the colorful candy would lift their spirits during their time of hardship.

Later during the early 1900s, jellybeans became quite popular in the United States, and it was common to see a large glass jar of the little beans sitting upon the counter of stores across the country.

It wasn't until the 1930s that jellybeans became associated with the Easter holiday. Nobody quite knows why, but it could be because of their egg-like shape. Today, Americans eat about 16 billion jellybeans every Easter. If you lined them all up, they would circle the globe three times!

Easter is not the only time that jellybeans are consumed. Many famous people have named them as their favorite year-round treat. Most well-known was President Ronald Reagan. He started eating jellybeans when he gave up smoking his pipe. President Reagan began official meetings by passing around a large jar of jellybeans. During his presidency, jellybeans traveled aboard the Shuttle Challenger in 1983.

April 22nd has been proclaimed as National Jellybean Day. The best way is there to celebrate the fun candy than to participate in a national event? So, get your favorite flavors ready, make some gift bags for your friends, and start celebrating!



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- The Great Pacific Garbage Patch**: A reading passage about the garbage patch in the ocean.
- Jellybeans - A Sweet**: A reading passage about jellybeans.
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- LOSE A TURN / DRAW 2**: A card for a board game.
- SCRAMBLED ANALOGY**: A card with analogies like "Calm is to peaceful as happy is to..."
- ANTONYM ACTION**: A card with antonyms like "positive", "negative", and "level".
- SPRINGTIME Write a Story**: A card for a writing activity.

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Easter is not the only time that jellybeans are **consumed**. Many famous people have named them as their favorite year-round treat. Most well-known was President Ronald Reagan. He started eating jellybeans when he gave up smoking his pipe. President Reagan often began official meetings by passing around a large jar of jellybeans! During his presidency, jellybeans traveled aboard the Shuttle Orbiter Challenger in 1983.

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Answer the following questions:

- When did jellybeans become popular in the United States?

- What is the first reference to jellybeans in history?

- How many jellybeans do Americans eat each Easter?

- What is a possible reason that jellybeans became associated with Easter?

- Which president loved jellybeans? Tell 2 things he did that support this idea.

- In the 5th paragraph, what does the word “consumed” mean?

a. sold	b. thrown away, wasted
c. eaten, used up	d. made, created
- What is the author’s purpose for writing this article? Give at least 2 details from the text to support your answer.

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ANSWER KEY

Answer the following questions:

- When did jellybeans become popular in the United States?
During the early 1900s
- What is the first reference to jellybeans in history?
During the Civil War, Boston candy maker William Schrafft asked people to send jellybeans to the Union soldiers.
- How many jellybeans do Americans eat each Easter? 16 billion
- What is a possible reason that jellybeans became associated with Easter?
It is possible that jellybeans became associated with Easter because of their egg-like shape.
- Which president loved jellybeans? Tell 2 things he did that support this idea.
President Ronald Reagan loved jellybeans. He always passed around a jar of them before meetings. Also, during his presidency, jellybeans traveled to outer space aboard the Shuttle Orbiter Challenger.
- In the 5th paragraph, what does the word “consumed” mean?

a. sold	b. thrown away, wasted
c. eaten, used up	d. made, created
- What is the author's purpose for writing this article? Give at least 2 details from the text to support your answer.
The author's purpose for writing this article is to inform the reader about the history of jellybeans. In the article, the author gives facts to teach the reader about jellybeans. For example, the reader learns that jellybeans are first mentioned in history during the time of the Civil War, they first became popular during the early 1900s, and National Jellybean Day is on April 22nd.



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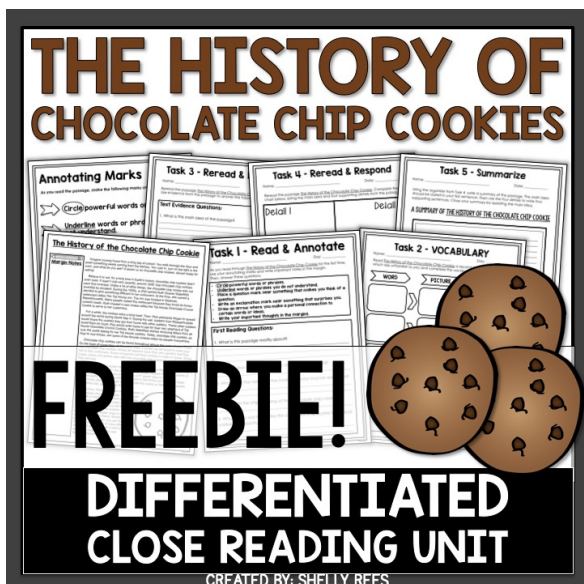
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