

Reading

1. Father's Day is a day for celebrating fathers, grandfathers, **stepfathers**, **fathers-in-law**, and other **father figures**. In North America and in the UK, it takes place on the third Sunday of June. Other countries celebrate dads on other days.
2. A woman from Washington State **invented** Father's Day in 1908. Sonora Smart Dodd's mother died in childbirth. Since Sonora didn't have a mother to celebrate in church on Mother's Day, she wanted to celebrate her father. Her dad, William Jack Smart, was a single father with six kids. He was also a Civil War **veteran**.
3. Sonora chose to celebrate Father's Day during her father's birth month. Each June, she invited people to wear a red rose in honour of a living or **deceased** father. She convinced the local government to make Father's Day a local holiday.
4. Many American presidents tried to make Father's Day **official**. In the 1920s and '30s, some people tried to **combine** Mother's Day and Father's Day into "Parents' Day." Many businesses did not like this idea. After World War II, many Americans wanted fathers to have their own special day. In 1966, President Johnson declared the third Sunday in June to be Father's Day. President Nixon made it official in 1972. This was almost 60 years after the first official Mother's Day.
5. Children of all ages celebrate their dads on Father's Day. Some make cards and handmade gifts. Others take their fathers out for special meals or events. Most dads prefer spending time with their kids than receiving store-bought gifts. Going fishing, playing a round of golf, or catching a baseball game is the perfect Father's Day for many dads. Some families have Father's Day **traditions** that they do every year.
6. Like Sonora's father, many dads today are the primary caregivers in the family. Some are fathers to their own children and stepfathers to others. Many have an equal role to play alongside a **spouse**. As fathers age, they continue to play an important role in the lives of their adult children and grandchildren.
7. Happy Father's Day!