

Anti-Valentines Day

From Laini Bostian at the Culpeper County Library in Culpeper, VA. This is fun and so great for teens! Cards, poetry and fun are all packed into this 2 hour event. Laini has a great plan here with everything you need in step by step instructions and an ingredient list :) (P.S. I love the reverse pick up lines!!)

1. Black Heart Name Tags and Silver Sharpie with double stick tape

2. Ice Breaker starts at 2:05-2:20. 15 minutes.

Stand in circle. One person starts with the ball. Throw and person who catches says name, person who threw asks a question. No repeat questions, no repeat throws. Each person only gets the ball once. Sample questions: Favorites—sport, book, pie, hobby, fandom, type of music, animal, etc.

3. What is Anti-Valentine's Day? 2:20-2:25 This holiday was created by people who feel that buying candies and pink and red cards does not really represent romance. This represents a chance for stores to make money on cards and candy. Also, many people feel left out on Valentine's Day, even depressed, if they are single. And, so, you have Anti-Valentine's Day.

4. Anti-Valentine's Day Cards 2:25-2:55 Instructions: Sit at the table with the same color sign as the dot you are wearing. This is your chance to make someone an Anti-Valentine's Day card for Valentine's Day! Maybe you do have that good friend you have a crush on. It will be funny, instead of potentially embarrassing, if you give them an Anti-Valentine's Day card instead of a Valentine. We have lots of materials for you to work with. Those we just have a few of, like the black stick-on bows, use sparingly. We only have one foam skull per person. There is a different color glitter glue at each table. So feel free to get up and share. Also, there are materials on the materials table for you to use. You can make more than one card, but try to use up the materials we have lots of if you do. You have ½ an hour.

5. BREAK FOR FOOD 10 minutes until 3:05

6. The Break up Game 3:05-3:25

Instructions: Break up in small groups according to the number on the dot you are wearing. Kimberly "Please take a look at the items in the box. Each one of you will be "breaking up" with an item in the box. If you don't want to break up with your item, you don't have to. Just say 'pass' and the group will come up with things that you could say. After about 10 minutes, we will stop, and each group will share the funniest breakup.Ex: To a pair of broken glasses: I'm sorry, we can't be seeing each other anymore; I just need a break."

7. Reverse Pick up Lines: 3:25-3:40

Instructions: Stay in the same group. As a group, work on coming up with lines that would repulse another person instead of make him or her want to date you. No dissing or insulting. For example: "Hey, what's your sign?" Let the person answer. "Oh, I totally don't get along with people of that sign." OR "Hey, wanna come hear my band play?" "What kind of band?" "Well, um, it's really me on guitar and vocals, and my stuffed teddy bears on drums and keyboards. Then, you can share the best ones from your small groups.

8. Anti-Valentine's Day Poems 3:40-3:55 with explanation included

Instructions: "Sit at the table with the same color sign as the dot you are wearing." Give a few minutes for people to find tables. "This is your chance to write funny poems that make fun of commercialism—pink and red, chocolates, roses, overpriced cards; mention those overly sappy couples with nicknames like honey smoo or sugar bunch; talk about a relationship that went sort of wrong, or anything else you can think of that seems to fit the Anti-Valentine's Day theme. You don't have to rhyme or have a certain number of syllables. We have provided some examples at your tables, along with some types of poems you can try. You will then be able to write these in your Anti-Valentine's Day cards. And, if we have time, you can share these."

To do:

Make name tags with dots

Right before event, number dots

Type up Emily's poems for each group to read

Need:

Double stick tape

Craft supplies

Glue sticks

Lined paper

Yellow Pads

Pens

Sample poems

Samples of funny break ups

Tablecloths (5)

Cookie dough

Drinks

Cups

Napkins

Sample Poetry:

Untitled

There's no one like you.

You gave me your homework,

You gave me the flue,

For me, there's just no one like you.

Real Romance

1

How do I love thee

With bite-size chocolate goo?

No, I love thee-all the totally complex you.

How do I love thee

With a yellow pollen spore?

No, I love thee-all your heart, your soul and more.

How do I love thee

With a cardboard singing treat?

No, I love thee-all from your head down to your feet.

2

Flowers make me sneeze

Chocolates melt to goo

Cards flutter with the breeze

I only need you

Bitter Heart

He was my Treasure

My only Treasure

And he drove me most insane

He was a villain

A crafty villain

And, he lured me into shame

He bought me presents

Flowers, candy

But, his was just a game

Some called him Lincoln

Some called him Alex

But, MONEY was his name.

Wanted

Free to good home.

One, slightly used heart.

Fair condition,

Only broken twice.

Somewhat tarnished

Small crack on side,

Easily repaired.

Tendency to melt in the presence of

Small animals and babies.

Can be worn as a sleeve accessory,

Or tucked away for that special someone.

Full potential unknown.