

# VOCAB-u-lous!

## Build a Fabulous Vocab

### Mother's Day

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

“God could not be everywhere and therefore made mothers.”

—*Jewish proverb*

The American comedian Milton Berle once asked, “If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?” Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Yes, use your dictionary.

<b>Word Bank</b>	ameliorate	crusaded	envisioned	genesis	ideogram
	matriarchal	progenitor	sanctity	sobriquet	sojourned

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories regarding Mother's Day vary throughout the world.
2. A white carnation symbolizes the \_\_\_\_\_ of a mother's love.
3. In ancient Rome, people celebrated a \_\_\_\_\_ festival dedicated to Juno, the goddess of childbirth.
4. Homer wrote a hymn to the mother goddess Gaia, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gods in Greek mythology.
5. Ann Jarvis, a young Appalachian woman, worked to \_\_\_\_\_ unsanitary conditions through Mothers' Working Days.
6. After Jarvis died in 1905, her daughter, Anna, \_\_\_\_\_ for a national memorial day for women.
7. Julia Ward Howe \_\_\_\_\_ a day for women to advocate for pacifism and disarmament.
8. Sixteenth-century Christians \_\_\_\_\_ at their "mother" churches on Mothering Sunday.
9. Some Chinese family names begin with an \_\_\_\_\_ that means *mother*.
10. Mary Harris, known by the \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Jones, dedicated her life to the labor movement after her husband and children died in a yellow fever epidemic.