

# Special Lesson



# Mother's

# Day

# celebration come from?

- Many **holidays and traditions** that we still enjoy today were created by people from **ancient cultures**.
- However, not all the traditions were created by them. Mother's day is an example of a "modern" tradition created in the XIX Century.

# Who did invent the date?

1 Anna Jarvis was born in West Virginia in 1864, toward the end of the American Civil War.

- She was the 9<sup>th</sup> of 11 children.
- As **Anna** grew up, she rarely noticed all her mother did for her family and how important her mother was.



Her Mom could:

- Raise her children
- Take care of her home and husband
- Hold a job outside the house as a school teacher.

However it was seldom that any of her family remembered to thank her for all she did for them.



- After her mother died, Anna Jarvis felt horrible. She wanted so much to have another chance to let her Mom know how much she was appreciated and loved. But it was too late.
- Anna decided to create a new holiday, to remind people thank their own Mom, at least once each year.
- She wrote many letters to different Presidents in United States asking them to put a especial day for all mothers.

- In 1914, Anna achieved success. President Woodrow Wilson issued the first Mother's Day proclamation, stating that the observance serves as a ***"public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."***
- This made Mother's Day an official national holiday, celebrated each year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May.



- It has been nearly 100 years since President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day a national holiday. Since that time, Mother's Day has been adopted by people around the world, and many celebrate Mother's Day as Anna meant it to be – a day of personal thanks.

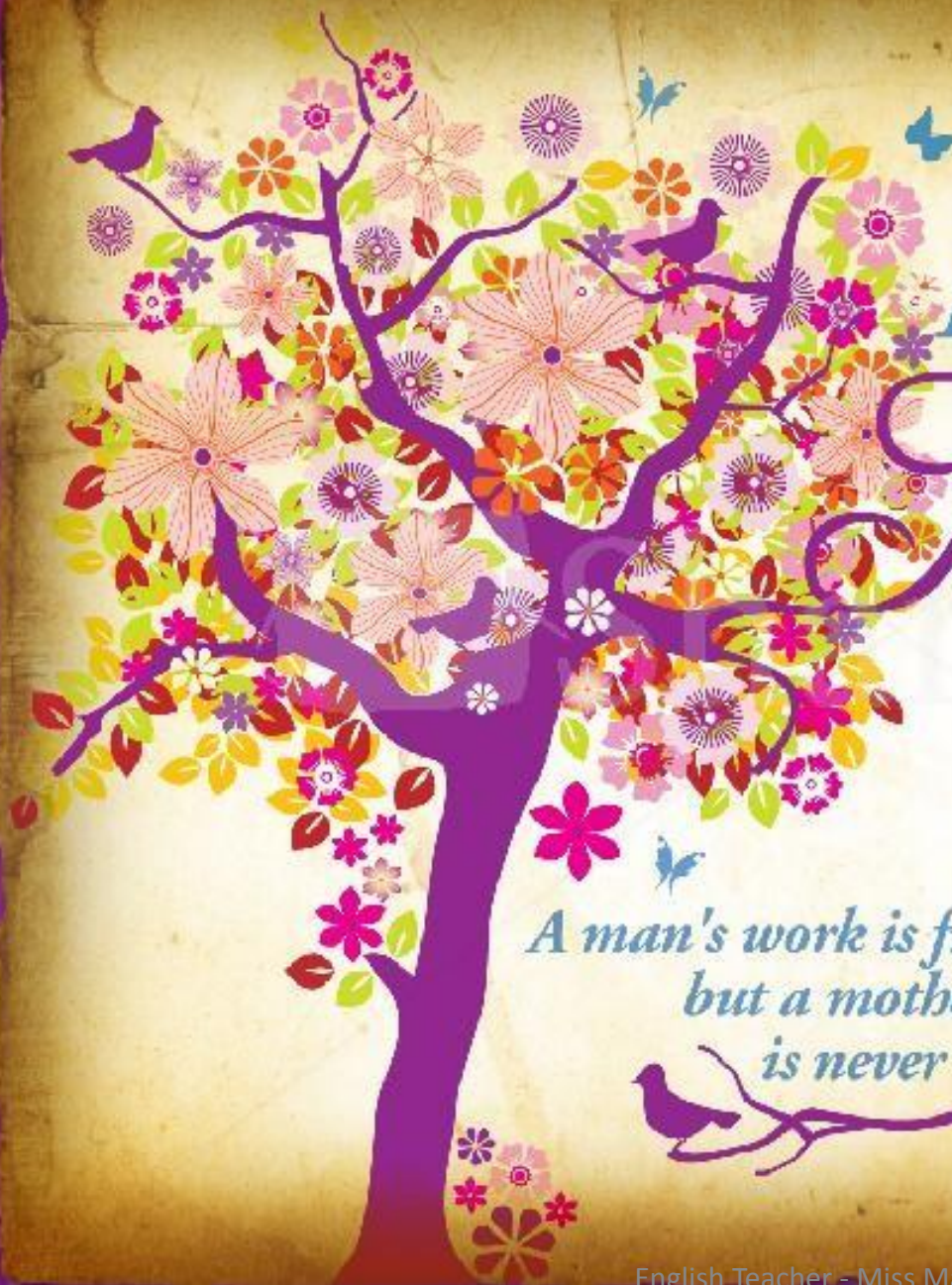


# Webgraphy

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*Happy*

*Mother's  
Day*

*A man's work is from sun to sun,  
but a mother's work  
is never done.*

