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Hello class,

Today our topic for conversation is: Mother's Day.

AGENDA:

- 1) Check-in –introduce the topic
- 2) Watch History Channel video (3 min) on origin of Mother's Day
- 3) Review vocabulary from video
- 4) Breakout rooms -small group discussion with questions/prompts
- 5) Wrap-up – back to large group

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INTRODUCE TOPIC:

Is Mother's Day a "Hallmark Holiday"?

What is considered a Hallmark holiday? (In the United States, a Hallmark holiday is a holiday that is perceived to exist primarily for commercial purposes, rather than to commemorate a traditionally or historically significant event.)

What are some other examples of a "Hallmark Holiday"?



The History Channel: *History of Mother's Day*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k64ttlyUFvs>

VIDEO VOCABULARY:

1. "didn't pan out"
2. philanthropist
3. community activist
4. fierce letter-writing campaign
5. appalled by the commercialization
6. petitioned to abolish it

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Is Mother's Day celebrated in your home country? If not, do you have a similar holiday (such as Parent's Day)? It is a good thing to have such day?
2. What is the single most important lesson you have learned from your mother?
3. Critically assess the commercialization of Mother's Day.
4. Discuss the impact of Mother's Day on the economy.
5. Discuss the concept of motherhood beyond biological ties.
6. How does Mother's Day address or neglect non-traditional families?
7. Analyze the role of Mother's Day in reinforcing or challenging gender roles.
8. How is your mother's life different from her mother's? How is your mother's life different from yours?
9. Do you think it is easier or more difficult to be a mother today than it was fifty years ago?
10. What challenges will a mother face in the future?