

HALLOWEEN



OCTOBER, THE 31st



LONG LIVE HALLOWEEN!

HISTORY OF THE HOLIDAY

Halloween began 2000 years ago. The Celts, who lived in Ireland, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter

Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. To stop the ghosts the Celts wore costumes and make big fires. They called this Samhain.



In the 7th century Christianity became the main religion in Britain. And Samhain became the holiday in honor of the saints. People called this holiday All Hallow's Eve, which later translated in Halloween



Today Halloween is a funny holiday for children. It is very popular in Britain and in the USA. Children usually wear costumes and make parties.



Trick or Treat

Trick or treat is a popular Halloween tradition. At night children go from house to house asking for treat, and if they don't get it, they can make a trick



Symbols of Halloween



Jack O' Lantern

Jack O'Lantern is a carved pumpkin with a candle inside. It's one of the most important symbols of Halloween.

Old Irish Legend tells of a man called Jack, one of the few who could drink with the devil. One day Jack and the devil were drinking together, and Jack told the devil that he had died, God would not allow Jack to go to heaven, and the devil would not allow Jack to go to hell. Jack was left with only a burning coal. Jack put the coal into a pumpkin and lit it, and it has been used to frighten the evil spirits away from the Earth with ever since.



Jack O' Lantern

- Put the candle inside the pumpkin
- Cut a nose and a mouth
- Cut eyes
- Buy a big pumpkin
- Light the candle
- Put the pumpkin in the house



Other symbols



Pumpkin

ghost

bat





witch

broom

Black cat



candle





moon

spider



vampire



Poems



Pumpkin pumpkin on the ground

How'd you get so big and round

Planted as a seed so small

Now you are a great big ball

Pumpkin pumpkin on the ground

How'd you get so big and round



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late!"

The second one said, "There are witches in the air."

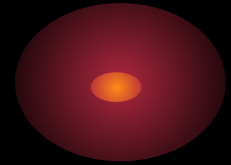
The third one said, "But we don't care."

The fourth one said, "Let's run, let's run!"

The fifth one said, "Isn't Halloween fun?"



Test



1. What country started the traditions that led to celebrating Halloween?
a) USA b) France c) Ireland
2. Halloween is on....
a) November 1 b) October 30 c) December 1
3. What does a witch use for transport?
a) A hat b) a broom c) a carpet
4. People put...into jack-o'lanterns
a) Candle b) sweets c) electric lamp

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