

Halloween



The Witches Caldron

"Eye of newt, and toe of frog,
Wool of bat, and tongue of dog"
"Adder's fork, and blind-worm's
sting,
Lizard's leg, and owlet's wing"

"For a charm of powerful trouble,
Like a hell-broth boil and babble"

"Double, double, toil and trouble,
Fire burn, and caldron bubble"

William Shakespeare



History of Halloween: the name...



Behind the name... Halloween, or the Hallow E'en as they call it in Ireland , means All Hallows Eve, or the night before the 'All Hallows', also called 'All Hallowmas', or 'All Saints', or 'All Souls' Day, observed on November 1.

In old English the word 'Hallow' meant 'sanctify'.

History of Halloween: the name...of feast



- Halloween Day celebration owes its origin to the ancient (pre-Christian) Druidic fire festival called "Samhain", celebrated by the Celts in Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Samhain is pronounced "*sow-in*", with "sow" rhyming with cow. In Ireland the festival was known as Samhein, or La Samon, the Feast of the Sun. In Scotland, the celebration was known as Hallowe'en. In Welsh it's Nos Galen-gaeof (that is, the Night of the Winter Calends. According to the Irish English dictionary published by the Irish Texts Society: "Samhain, All Hallowtide, the feast of the dead in Pagan and Christian times, signaling the close of harvest and the initiation of the winter season, lasting till May, during which troops (esp. the Fiann) were quartered. Faeries were imagined as particularly active at this season. From it the half year is reckoned. also called Feile Moingfinne (Snow Goddess).

History of Halloween: the name... of feast



- The Scottish Gaelic Dictionary defines it as "Hallowtide. The Feast of All Soula. Sam + Fuin = end of summer."
- * *Contrary to the information published by many organizations, there is no archaeological or literary evidence to indicate that Samhain was a deity. The Celtic Gods of the dead were Gwynn ap Nudd for the British, and Arawn for the Welsh. The Irish did not have a "lord of death" as such.*

History of Halloween: the religious roots...



- Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherians used to observe All Hallows Day to honor all Saints in heaven, known or unknown. They used to consider it with all solemnity as one of the most significant observances of the Church year. And Catholics, all and sundry, was obliged to attend Mass.
- The Romans observed the holiday of Feralia, intended to give rest and peace to the departed. Participants made sacrifices in honor of the dead, offered up prayers for them, and made oblations to them.
- The festival was celebrated on February 21, the end of the Roman year. In the 7th century, Pope Boniface IV introduced All Saints' Day to replace the pagan festival of the dead. It was observed on May 13. Later, Gregory III changed the date to November 1. The Greek Orthodox Church observes it on the first Sunday after Pentecost.



- Thus most of the customs connected with the Day are remnants of the ancient religious beliefs and rituals, first of the Druids and then transcended amongst the Roman Christians who conquered them.



History of Halloween: the American version...



- While not an official holiday, the traditional October 31 Halloween celebration is much beloved by children in the United States, for whom the day is a chance to don costumes—often depicting ghosts, goblins and other "supernatural" creatures—and to collect candy and other treats from adults. Most Americans consider Halloween a festive occasion, but its roots long predate the United States and its meaning has changed greatly over time. Even today, many other nations observe their own versions of this long-observed festival.

Where else...

- In Mexico, they celebrate El Dia de los Muertos or the Day of the Dead starting the evening of October 31.



Throughout the years: Some facts

- In **1800's** people started to have parties. Part of the celebrations included costumes, fortune telling and games such as bobbing for apples.
- **1840's** Irish immigrants fleeing their country's potato famine brought the custom of Halloween to America.
- **1900's** In the early part of the century only the Celt's celebrated Halloween. It took a long time for others to pick up on the custom.
- **1920's** Halloween parties were all the rage. Towns would have dances, social club gatherings, and a variety of decorations followed suit. Parties had themes such as an "Animals" or "Famous People" with an art deco flare to the costumes and decorations.
- **1930's** Halloween was being celebrated more by adults than by their children. Costumes were outlandish, and the parties would last all night. Many had lavish parties that would cost a small fortune.
- **1970's** the people who enjoyed Halloween began decorating the outside of their homes as well as the inside, decorations were becoming available in stores. People seemed to have realized that this was a fun holiday and nothing about it was evil.
- **1980s** was the rebirth of the adult Halloween party. Adults found that they could enjoy the same games and fun as the children. Almost every store was now selling Halloween decorations.
- Since **1990's** showed an increase of the popularity of Halloween. Many people started decorating their homes with the vast amount of Halloween decorations that were being made available. Many yards had more decorations for Halloween than any other holiday.

Traditions ...

On All Hallows' eve, many Irish and Scottish people have traditionally placed a candle on their western window sill to honor the departed. Other traditions include carving lanterns from *turnips* or *rutabagas*, sometimes with faces on them, as is done in the modern tradition of carving *pumpkins*.





Brazen Head

- Welsh, Irish and British myth are full of legends of the Brazen Head which may be a folk memory of the ancient Celtic practice of headhunting. The heads of enemies may have decorated shrines, and there are tales of the heads of honored warriors continuing to speak their wisdom after death. The name *jack-o'-lantern* can be traced back to the Irish legend of Stingy Jack, a greedy, gambling, hard-drinking old farmer. He tricked the devil into climbing a tree and trapped him by carving a cross into the tree trunk. In revenge, the devil placed a curse on Jack, condemning him to forever wander the earth at night with the only light he had: a candle inside of a hollowed turnip.



Symbols of Halloween



- The Devil, the Grim Reaper
- vampires, werewolves, zombies
- spiders, bats, and crows
- witches flying on broomsticks
- black cats,
- ghosts, ghouls, demons
- goblins and skeleton



Halloween Bats:



A common practice among our ancestors at the time of summer's end (Samhain, Oct. 31) was to build tremendously brilliant bonfires. These fires would blaze the night for many reasons: Warding off maladjusted energies, soften the chill in the air, prepare harvest feasts, mark the occasion with a powerful solar symbol, etc: at the same time the light **magnetizes** all manner of insects, in turn, their natural predators will also come to the flame looking for an easy insect meal. And so, bats were a common sight at Halloween-time festivities. By association, bats are viewed to be connected with this holiday's theme of magic and a time of passing from one phase of life to another (both in the timeline of human life and seasonal cycles).

Halloween Black Cats:



Mysterious, precocious, sleuthy, and seemingly able to stalk the darkest nights without aid of light – the cat has long been considered to be closely linked with otherworldly concepts. Indeed, many practitioners of energetic communication welcomed the company of felines as it was understood these creatures could serve as a **facilitator** to opening other worldly doors. Black is a common color of mystery and the unknown. Black is also considered to be an absorbing element – taking on off-kilter energies and transforming them into purer frequencies. The black cat augers our connection with the intangible, and serves as a bridge from the mundane to the magical.

When we view the meaning of Halloween symbols based on the understanding it is a time of transitions – the black cat becomes a suitable totem for the celebration.

Halloween Symbol of the Jack-O-Lanterns:



Originally, they were turnips hollowed out and equipped with candles to light the way of “guisers” and beggars roaming about on All Hallow’s Eve for a bite to eat or rousing neighbors door-to-door for a donation to their cause. With their mass migration to the United States after the potato famine, the clever Irish replaced their illuminated turnips for more accommodating pumpkins. Carved in various grotesques and **ghoulish faces**; maladjusted spirits are kept at bay or frightened away entirely by the sight of these luminous lamps. Various legends speak of the name Jack. Most popularly is the persona of Jack as a weather sprite (Jack-in-the-Green, or Jack Frost). Undeniably, this Halloween symbol welcomes the oncoming winter season while simultaneously lighting the night.

Halloween Owls:



Following the same fashion as Halloween bats owls were commonly seen around Samhain bonfires lit in honor of the night of transitions. Furthermore, owls have long been symbols of wisdom of an esoteric (hidden) nature. This time of year held much mystery for our ancestors. With questions such as: “Will we survive the coming winter?”, “Are the spirits of our transitioned clansmen and women at peace?” it took wise auguries to identify subtle communications to answer these questions. Due to their status as wise creatures, and their long-standing association to the spirit side of life, (and their common appears at bonfires) it made sense to hold owls sacred to this time of year. It took the **keen perception** of a good witch to understand the language of the owls to answer clan questions.

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Skeletons:



Halloween is a time to honor the memories of those who no longer share the *physical* stage of life with us, the skeleton is a symbolic (and physical) reminder of the remnants of life. Skulls in particular were considered by many ancient cultures (including the Druids of the Celts) to be the **psychic seat** of the human whole. As such, skulls are powerful symbols invoking a heightened awareness of our psychic potential. Incorporated during this powerful time of year doubles their profound symbolic purposes. The skeleton is almost always featured on the Major Arcana Death card.

Halloween Spiders



Much like the bat, cat, and the owl – spiders (as Halloween symbols and otherwise) are creatures considered to be endowed with supernatural qualities which make them harbingers of mystic energy. Witches often invite the spider into their homes and practices as a method of enhancing understanding of energetic patterns. Why are they so mystical? Predominantly because of their ability to **weave webs**, which has long been symbolic of time, fate, progress and the representation of the human journey (on both physical and philosophical levels). Also, the spider boasts eight legs, and the number eight is symbolic of cycles which would make the spider's presence during this time of year (symbolic of the transition between summer to winter) quite fitting.

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Witch:



Witches and Halloween are perfect pairs as October 31 is a time most advantageous to tap into supernatural perspectives. This time of year is situated in the crevasse of transition in both constellational, and seasonal aspects. It's a time when the Veil between mundane and magical are quite thin and energies tend to take on more revealing forms. As witches are devoted to utilizing, interpreting, magnifying, and manipulating unseen energies – their presence upon the cultural stage of this time of year is only **common sense**. Witches are gifted at energetic interpretations; and in ancient times their talents, perspectives and expertise would be called upon during this time of year for help in understanding messages from the non-physical side of life as well as forecasts for seasons ahead (long before the Farmer's Almanac, there were soothsayers. And so, witches as a Halloween symbol are understandably vital to the occasion.

Traditional colors:



There are many colours and symbols that are associated with Halloween. Whilst black and orange are the traditional colour of Halloween, other colours are also now popular. Some of the more popular ones are:

- Black = death, night, witches, black cats, bats, vampires
- Orange = pumpkins, jack o'lanterns, Autumn, the turning leaves, fire
- Purple = night, the supernatural, mysticism
- Green = goblins, monsters, zombies, aliens
- White = ghosts, mummies, a full moon
- Red = blood, fire, demons



Superstitions

- Going in for dumb supper, meaning that nobody will talk while having supper, encourages the **spirits** of the dead to come to the table.
- It is believed that if an unmarried girl keeps a rosemary herb and a silver sixpence (coin) under her pillow on Halloween night, it is quite likely that on that very night, she would dream of her future husband.
- It is said that if you hear someone's footsteps behind you on Halloween night, you should not look back because it may be a dead person following you. And if you commit the mistake of looking back, it is likely that you might join the dead very soon.



Superstitions

- People believe that if on the Halloween night, a girl carrying a lamp in her hand goes to a spring of water, she will see the reflection of her life partner in the water.
- It has been said if a **bat** flies into your house on Halloween, it is a sign that **ghosts** or **spirits** are very near, and maybe they are in your home and let the bat in.

Superstitions

- People have a superstition that if an unmarried girl carries a broken egg in a glass and takes it to a spring of water, she will be able to catch the glimpse of not just her future husband, by mixing some spring water in the glass, but also she can see the reflection of her future kids.
- There is the old saying that "**black cats are bad luck**". It was once believed that black cats were the devil, or consumed by evil spirits.
- People used to believe that Satan was a nut-gatherer. Nuts were also used as magic charms on the day of Halloween festival.



Superstitions

- There is also an old saying "if the flame on your candle goes out on Halloween celebration"; it gives you the meaning that you are with a **ghost**.
- If you ring a bell on Halloween it will **frighten** evil spirits away.
- Many people used to consider that owls would dive down to eat the souls of the dying on Halloween. They used to think if you pulled your pockets out, and left them hanging, they'd be safe.



Superstitions

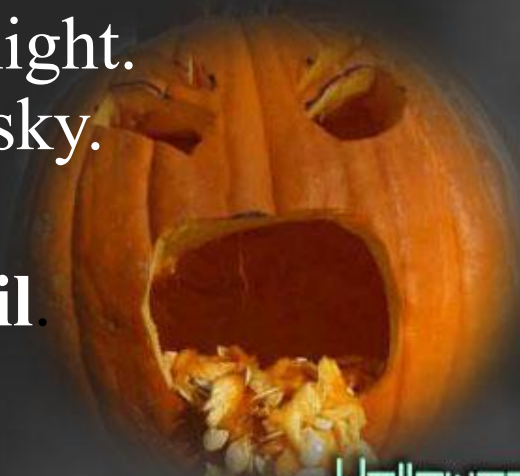
- People used to believe that if **bats** are out early on Halloween, and they fly around playfully, then good weather is to come.
- If a **bat** flies around your house three times on Halloween, death is very soon to come.
- To **ward off** evil spirits on Halloween, you can bury all the animal bones in your front yard, or even put a picture of an animal very close to your doorway.



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Superstitions

- People used to believe you could walk around your house three times backward before sunset on Halloween, and that would take care of all evil.
- It could be the spirit of a dead loved one watching you if you see a **spider** on Halloween.
- If you put your clothes on inside out as well as outside walk backwards on Halloween night. At midnight you will see a **witch** in the sky. People used to believe witches were the devil, or that they were consumed by **evil**.



Trick or treating

Trick or treating has some resemblance to the old Irish and British practice of 'souling', when poor folk would go door-to-door on Hallowmass (1st November), and be given food in return for prayers for the dead on All Souls Day (2nd November). This practice was even common throughout much of continental Europe, even as far as the south of Italy



Games



- There are several games traditionally associated with Halloween parties. One common game is dunking or *apple bobbing*, in which apples float in a tub or a large basin of water and the participants must use their teeth to remove an apple from the basin. A variant of dunking involves kneeling on a chair, holding a fork between the teeth and trying to drop the fork into an apple.
- Another common game involves hanging up *treacle* or *syrup*-coated *scones* by strings; these must be eaten without using hands while they remain attached to the string, an activity that inevitably leads to a very sticky face.

Games or divination...

- Some games traditionally played at Halloween are forms of *divination*. A traditional Irish and Scottish form of divining one's future spouse is to carve an apple in one long strip, then toss the peel over one's shoulder. The peel is believed to land in the shape of the first letter of the future spouse's name. Unmarried women were told that if they sat in a darkened room and gazed into a mirror on Halloween night, the face of their future husband would appear in the mirror. However, if they were destined to die before marriage, a skull would appear.



Scare story telling (instructions)

Supplies:

- a. Two Olives for eyes
- b. Wire Frames from old glasses (optional)
- c. Cooked cold spaghetti- intestines
- d. Cold oiled dirty plastic – skin
- e. Un-Popped Popcorn (10-15) – teeth
- f. Dried apricot – ear
- g. Cold oiled fur – hair
- h. Cold wet Tofu or round sponge – brains
- i. Glove with wet sand. Drape over bowl, and freeze – Hands
- j. Have plastic bowls prepared with each item.

Have all the listeners sit in a circle with the “narrator”. Turn out the lights. Narrator reads scary Halloween story with a flashlight shining on their face only, then as you start reading begin passing around the body parts that correlates with that part of the story. FYI – It helps to have the items lined up in proper order and have an assistant ready before the lights go out.

Here lies John, my dear late lamented friend.
I know he wished he could be here before the end.
John was a fun man, a giving man too.
He wanted to share his body parts with you.

John was a jolly man with a great big gut.
Let's pass around his intestines, just your luck!
Fresh from the grave, wet and cold
Just a little slimy, just a little old.
Twisted and shriveled in a bunch
Just like they were after his lunch.
(Pass cold cooked spaghetti)

His skin was fair, almost pure white
Let's pass around a piece, no need to fright.
Fresh from the grave, wet and cold.
Just a little slimy, just a little old.
Pretty greasy and dirty, he lived in a cave.
Never really had time to ever bathe.
(Pass oily dirty plastic)

One eyeball went left, the other went right.
See poor John had very bad sight.
Fresh from the grave, wet and cold.
Just a little slimy, just a little old.
Handle them gently as they roll
John wouldn't like it if they fell from the bowl.
(Pass 2 olives and spectacles)

Now John wasn't a very smart man.
We found his brains stuffed in a can.
Fresh from the grave, wet and cold.
Just a little slimy, just a little old.
You'll feel there isn't much to them
Shows the kind of man he'd been.
(Pass cold wet sponge)

Now one thing John wasn't was bald
He had a nice head of hair I'm told
Fresh from the grave, wet and cold.
Just a little slimy, just a little old.
Just nice and fuzzy to the touch
I said he had some, but just not that much.
(Pass damp oily fur)

One thing John was proud of was his pearly
whites

A good set of choppers kept him fed right.

Fresh from the grave, wet and cold.

Just a little slimy, just a little old.

See his teeth were strong unlike his sight

Just be careful when you touch that they don't
bite

(Pass un popped popcorn)

Just like Vangough, he only had one ear

He always heard just fine, and perfectly clear.

Fresh from the grave, wet and cold

Just a little slimy, just a little old.

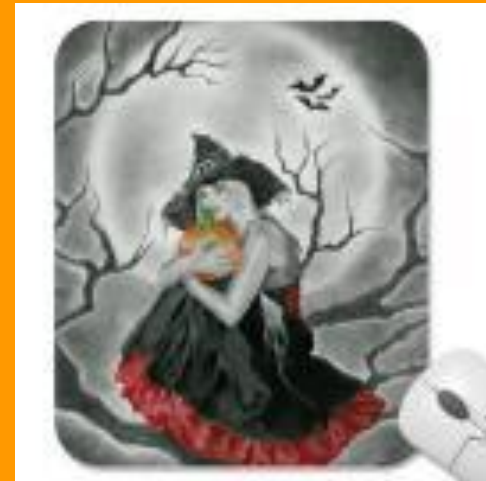
A little shriveled because of its age

But an ear nonetheless, it says on this page.

(pass dried apricot)

The last thing we found, was Johns strong hands
They were down deep, covered with sand.
Fresh from the grave, wet and cold.
Just a little slimy, just a little old.
Cold and stiff as they were when he died.
Go ahead, shake one, or you'll think that I lied.
(pass sand filled frozen gloves)

With all his pieces back safe and sound.
Time to put him back into the ground.
So now you've met my dear lamented friend
That brings this haunting to an end.





- With winter imminent, European pagans sought to stockpile food for the harsh times ahead. In every known culture in western Europe, fresh meat was always a part of the Sabbat feast. The predominantly herding cultures of Britain and eastern Europe slaughtered much of their livestock before Samhain rather than trying to feed the animals on the foliage through the long winters. In southern Germany, ritualized hunts were held in the weeks before Samhain to gather food. They gave homage to the Horned God as Master of the Hunt, and rode in wild frenzies as they chased their prey.

- Pigs were a traditional part of the feast in many pagan cultures, particularly in the Middle East where they were sacred to the goddesses of that region. It was in an effort to wipe out goddess worship that the Jews (and later the Muslims) banned the consumption of pork.

- Potatoes, harvested from August to October, were also a part of the feast in Ireland where they were made into a Samhain dish known as colcannon. Colcannon is a mashed potato, cabbage, and onion dish still served in Ireland on All Saint's Day. It was an old Irish tradition to hide in it a ring for a bride, a button for a bachelor, a thimble for a spinster, and a coin for wealth, or any other item which local custom decreed in keeping with the idea of the New Year as a time for divination. If you make colcannon with these little objects inside, please exercise caution against choking.

Colcannon

(servers eight)

4 cups mashed potatoes

2 1/2 cups cabbage, cooked and chopped fine

1/2 cup butter (avoid corn oil margarines)

1/2 cup evaporated milk or cream

3/4 cup onion, chopped very fine and sauteed

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon white pepper

Need a drink?

Wassailing was usually done by a group of "rowdies" who had imbibed too much Samhain ale. They gathered weapons, stones, and cider and went out to find the largest apple tree around. They fired their weapons or stones into its branches to frighten away evil faeries, and drank to the tree's health and sustenance. Today wassailing has come to mean the drinking to the health of anyone with a spiced punch prepared especially for this holiday.

Irish Galway Wassail

(Makes one large punch bowl - serve warm)

1 1/2 cups water

1/2 cup heavy cream

6 baked apples, cut into small pieces

5 egg whites

1 1/4 cups granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

2 teaspoons allspice

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ginger

8 whole cloves

1 quart ale

1 cup cooking sherry

1 cup irish whiskey

Halloween treatment...



- **Blood soup**

This is an easy recipe. You will need a can of tomato soup and a pack of musksticks. First, cook the soup in a pan over a stove. Then break up the musk sticks and put them into the soup to create...blood soup with delicious fingers!

Dead Fingers

This is a shortbread type cookie that look like fingers. The dough is piped (use a bag without any tip to get a finger sized cylinder) onto the cookie sheet. Then using the dull side of a butter knife make lines suggesting knuckle and wrinkles, and add an almond for the fingernail. I found the unblanched variety look particularly creepy. You can add a bit of red icing (ie.that translucent yuk that comes in a tube) if you want a bloody finger. I have experimented with this idea and found it better to make an impression with the almond rather than bake them and "glue" the almonds to the finger afterwards with the "blood". This gives a new twist to the term "finger foods".

Halloween treatment...



- **Brain Cookies**

You color a icebox type dough a sickening purplish/gray shade and then push the dough through a colander to make extruded spaghetti shapes. Then you loosely pat spoonfuls of the dough into brain shapes (well at least most kids' notions of how a brain is shaped). I think I experimented with different kitchen tools with this one and ended up using one of those collapsable steamer things to make the spaghetti.

French Fried Eye Balls

2 potatoes

relish

Mash potatoes and mold them into balls. Cook 160C in oven 20 min. Spread relish over and enjoy!

Halloween treatment...



- **Bugs in dirt sandwiches**

For this you will need white bread, a pack of mixed bug shaped lollies and milo. First, spread your slices of bread with margerine or butter. Then, sprinkle the buttered slices with milo until completely coated. Carefully stick the bugs firmly into the milo and place remaining slice of bread on top. Voila! you have bugs in dirt sandwhiches!

- **Tombstoned biscuites**

This recipe is a nice treat. First, you will need icing sugar, rectangular biscuites and a toothpick. Take your icing sugar and mix it with hot water until fairly runny. Dip each of your biscuits into the mixture and place onto a foiled tray. Take your toothpick and carve "R.I.P" out of the icing on every biscuit. Place in fridge for a few hours and presto! Your very own mini tombstones!

Halloween Food

- *Candy apple*

Because the holiday comes in the wake of the annual apple harvest, candy apples (known as toffee apples outside North America), *caramel or taffy apples* are a common Halloween treat made by rolling whole apples in a sticky sugar syrup, sometimes followed by rolling them in nuts.

- One custom that persists in modern-day Ireland is the baking of a barmbrack (Irish: *báirín breac*), which is a light fruitcake, into which a plain ring, a coin and other charms are placed before baking. It is said that those who get a ring will find their true love in the ensuing year. This is similar to the tradition of king cake at the festival of Epiphany.

- Dont forget to leave a libation of food out for ancestors and other spirits by arranging it on a small tray or plate and placing it outside one of your lighted windows.

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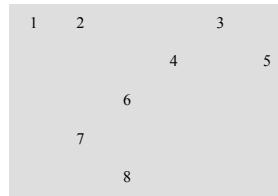
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Across

1. People wear these to Halloween parties
4. What children want (see 5 down)
7. A spirit that haunts a house
8. A small ugly fairy that plays tricks on people

Down

2. Halloween colors are black and ____
3. The bones of a body
5. The children say "____ or treat!" on Halloween
6. One Halloween party game is ____ for apples.



Happy Halloween

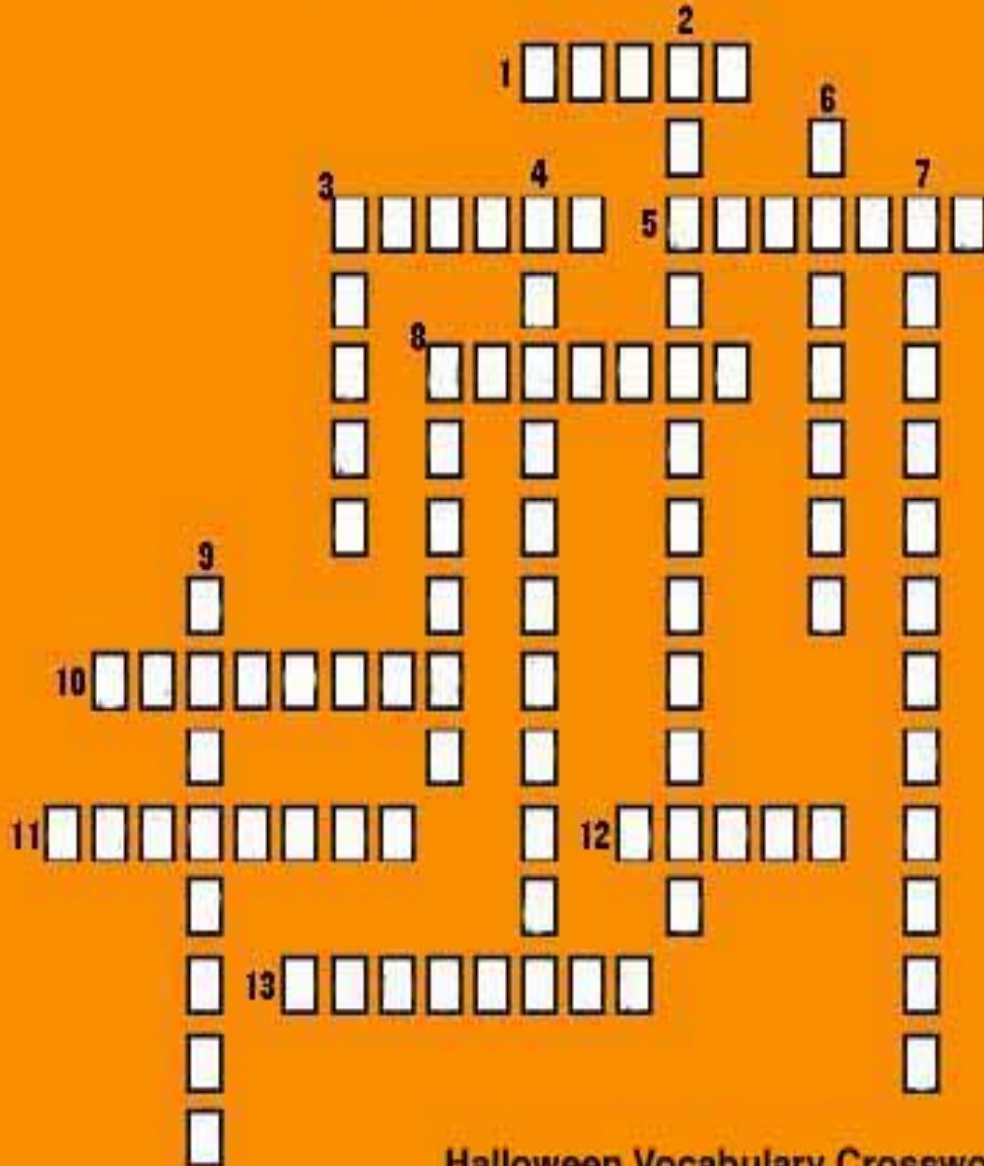
ACROSS

3. You wear a _____ on Halloween
6. This is used to scare away birds in a field
8. An orange vegetable used to make a Jack O Lantern
9. This kind of mammal looks like a mouse but it flies.
11. A spider makes one of these
12. Bones that are together.
14. This place may be surrounded by a black wrought iron fence
15. If your house is very scary it is called a _____ house.
17. This person may cast a spell on you.
20. You bob for _____s at a Halloween party

DOWN

1. Don't let a black ____ cross your path.
2. In Sleepy Hollow there was a rider called the "Headless _____"
4. Don't let this bite you on the neck
5. When you go up to a door, you push this or knock.
7. The name of the holiday
10. The month the holiday falls in.
11. Usually you get this when you knock on a door
13. This is where you can go on a wagon and you sit on bales of straw
14. This may look like a person wearing a white sheet.
16. After you knock on a door, you say, " _____ or treat"
18. What you do to a pumpkin before you put a candle in it.
19. Abbreviation for "Rest in Peace"

"Spooky" Crossword



Halloween Vocabulary Crossword
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ACROSS:

- 1 - wish of evil, doom
- 3 - to laugh shrilly
- 5 - paralyze with terror
- 8 - ghastly; gruesome
- 10 - specter; vision
- 11 - name for all bones in the body
- 12 - group of witches, esp. 13 in total
- 13 - graveyard

DOWN:

- 2 - irrational belief
- 3 - burial chamber
- 4 - werewolf
- 6 - night-time, bloodsucking monster
- 7 - Dr. who created monster in Mary Shelley's novel
- 8 - dangerous atmosphere
- 9 - large boiler

Word bank for the matching sentences below (alphabetically):

• *cackle, cauldron, cemetery, coven, crypt, curse, lycanthrope, macabre, miasma, petrify, phantasm, superstition*

1 - After the funeral, the mourners walked to the small _____ where they participated in the final moments of the burial.

2 - Did you hear that odd _____ which sounded very much like the noise a hen or chicken would make?

3 - Two common _____ include negative effects: a walk under a ladder and a black cat who crosses in one's way which brings bad luck.

4 - The _____ who had assembled deep in the forest were clad in black robes and held lanterns high above their heads to illuminate the altar.

5 - From the depths of the sewer, a _____ floated out into the street forcing people to scurry away.

6 - The mean old goblin delivered a _____, "The moon will not shine tonight! Without light, there will be terror among the citizens!"

7 - At first, I was convinced that the apparition was a ghost but quickly realized it was, instead, a _____.

8 - The elders kept the children away from the _____ scene which was just too grisly for young people to observe.

9 - In order to make the meal, the witch placed carrots, onions, beef and potatoes into the large _____ which cooked over the fire grate.

10 - As a result of cruel fate, at the stroke of midnight, the young person was transformed from a man into a terrifying _____.

11 - If, all of a sudden, for no apparent reason, a chandelier begins to spin, it would _____ even the most brave of souls!

12 - Upon her death, the body was placed into a _____ which had already entombed nine other family members who had died.

Halloween-related vocabulary words.

Match the twelve definitions below to the vocabulary words on the left.

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| 1. _____ | Dracula | a. group of witches, esp. 13 in total |
| 2. _____ | Frankenstein | b. ghastly; gruesome |
| 3. _____ | cackle | c. paralyze with terror |
| 4. _____ | cauldron | d. werewolf |
| 5. _____ | cemetery | e. to laugh shrilly |
| 6. _____ | coven | f. name for all bones in the body |
| 7. _____ | crypt | g. dangerous atmosphere |
| 8. _____ | curse | h. burial chamber |
| 9. _____ | lycanthrope | i. specter; vision |
| 10. _____ | macabre | j. wish of evil, doom |
| 11. _____ | miasma | k. graveyard |
| 12. _____ | petrify | l. large boiler |
| 13. _____ | phantasm | m. night-time, bloodsucking monster |
| 14. _____ | skeleton | n. irrational belief |
| 15. _____ | superstition | o. Doctor who created monster in Mary Shelley's novel |





like any other festival's history is inspired through traditions that have transpired through ages from one generation to another. We follow them mostly as did our dads and grandpas. And as this process goes on, much of their originality get distorted with newer additions and alterations. It happens so gradually, spanning over so many ages, that we hardly come to know about these distortions. At one point of time it leaves us puzzled, with its multicolored faces. Digging into its history helps sieve out the facts from the fantasies which caught us unaware. Yet, doubts still lurk deep in our soul, especially when the reality differs from what has taken a deep seated root into our beliefs. The history of Halloween Day, as culled from the net, is being depicted here in this light. This is to help out those who are interested in washing off the superficial hues to reach the core and know things as they truly are. 'Trick or treat' may be an innocent fun to relish on the Halloween Day. But just think about a bunch of frightening fantasies and the scary stories featuring ghosts, witches, monsters, evils, elves and animal sacrifices associated with it. They are no more innocent. Are these stories a myth or there is a blend of some reality? Come and plunge into the halloween history to unfurl yourself the age-old veil of mysticism draped around it.

When it's time for Halloween celebration, it is then that the people tend to become more superstitious. There are many **superstitions** and **myths** about Halloween and most of the people have a strong belief in them.

- The telling of ghost stories and viewing of horror films are common fixtures of Halloween parties. Episodes of TV series and specials with Halloween themes (with the specials usually aimed at children) are commonly aired on or before the holiday, while new horror films, are often released theatrically before the holiday to take advantage of the atmosphere

- Witches have had a long history with Halloween. Legends tell of witches gathering twice a year when the seasons changed, on April 30 - the eve of May Day and the other was on the eve of October 31 - All Hallow's Eve. The witches would gather on these nights, arriving on broomsticks, to celebrate a party hosted by the devil. Superstitions told of witches casting spells on unsuspecting people, transform themselves into different forms and causing other magical mischief.
- It was said that to meet a witch you had to put your clothes on wrong side out and you had to walk backwards on Halloween night. Then at midnight you would see a witch.

The black cat has long been associated with witches. Many superstitions have evolved about cats. It was believed that witches could change into cats. Some people also believed that cats were the spirits of the dead.

One of the best known superstitions is that of the black cat. If a black cat was to cross your path you would have to turn around and go back because many people believe if you continued bad luck would strike you.