

Halloween is an annual holiday observed on October 31. It has roots in the Celtic festival of Samhain and the Christian holiday All Saints' Day, but is today largely a secular celebration.



One of the best known superstitions is that 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.



Jack-o-lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday. Some of them have scary and some have funny faces.



According to folklore, the jack-o-lantern got his name from a man named Jack who used to play practical jokes on the devil and was punished for it.



Fortunetelling

Apples were once thought to be a link between men and the Gods and were often used to tell the future. By putting an apple under your pillow you could dream a wish and eat the apple in the morning. Later people began to use apples in games.



Superstitions

A burning a candle inside a jack-o-lantern on Halloween keeps evil spirits and demons at bay.

If a candle suddenly goes out by itself on Halloween, as though by breath or wind, it is believed that a ghost has come to call. Always burn new candles on Halloween to ensure the best of luck.

It is not a good idea to burn Halloween candles at any other time of the year. It may bring bad luck or strange things will happen to you, over which you will have no control.



Superstitions

If you see a spider on Halloween, it could be the spirit of a dead loved one who is watching you.

Put your clothes on inside out and walk backwards on Halloween night to meet a witch.

You should walk around your home three times backwards and counterclockwise before sunset on Halloween to ward off evil spirits.





Happy
Halloween





Resources:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRJLrMcFwpk&feature=related>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gk-F2OdK_lo

<http://poetry4kids.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.theholidayspot.com/halloween/>

<http://priroda77.narod.ru/animation/anima.html>

<http://www.lenagold.ru/fon/clipart/alf.html>

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