

- **Halloween and the Day of Ivan Kupala:  
similarities and differences •**



# Introduction

- The topic of our research work is «Halloween and the Day of Ivan Kupala: similarities and differences»
- The purpose of our research work is comparing two holidays: Halloween and the Day of Ivan Kupala.
- The problem: Halloween has quickly spread in Russia at that time though the holiday of Ivan Kupala we don't know much.
- The hypothesis: we assume that the Russians are not familiar with the holiday of Ivan Kupala and not poorly informed about foreign Halloween.
- Tasks:
  - • To find out the customs of the celebration of Halloween and Day of Ivan Kupala, their superstitions;
  - • Find similarities and differences of holidays;
  - • To compare the popularity of holidays;
  - • To do research.



# Customs of celebrating and superstitions of Halloween





Halloween an eve of all saints day. It is more than two thousand years. The origin of this holiday goes from the Celtic culture.

Supernatural beings could cross over to the material world.

That's why people dressed just as they, and went from house to house, asking for food for the evil forces.







- By the way, there was born an Halloween game "trick-or-treating". It is to "pay off" with sweets to children begging for sweets. Otherwise they commit a prank.
- Traditionally, Halloween is celebrated around the fire, with songs and dances, scary stories and legends about spirits, sorcerers, witches and all other evil spirits.
- There appeared a tradition to carve faces in a pumpkin and put candles inside it.



# Customs of celebrating and superstitions of the Day of Ivan Kupala





The day of Ivan Kupala appeared before the spread of Christianity in Europe and it is celebrated in the days of the summer solstice, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> June.

There is a rumor that on the night of Ivan Kupala's day a fern flower has a magical power. According to the legend, if this amazing red flower finds a guy and a girl, their marriage will be very happy.

People believe that in the day of Ivan Kupala rituals have a miraculous power that can make any person healthy and happy.







People believe that on the eve of the night all the evil spirits become very active. People sing songs-prayers to mermaids, littered the thresholds and window sills with nettles to protect themselves from witches, collected and dried grass, scaring away any evil spirits and disease.

You mustn't go sleep in this day because you can be hurt by evil spirits and get a lot of troubles. So the holiday lasts until the morning. On this night, the girls divined on the wreaths and floated them on the river – where to bank sticks, there true love lives.





# The similarities and differences between Halloween and Day of Ivan Kupala



There are two holidays in Russia that are associated with the evil spirit: a celebration of Ivan Kupala and Halloween. And they are the opposites of each other. These holidays have similarities and differences.



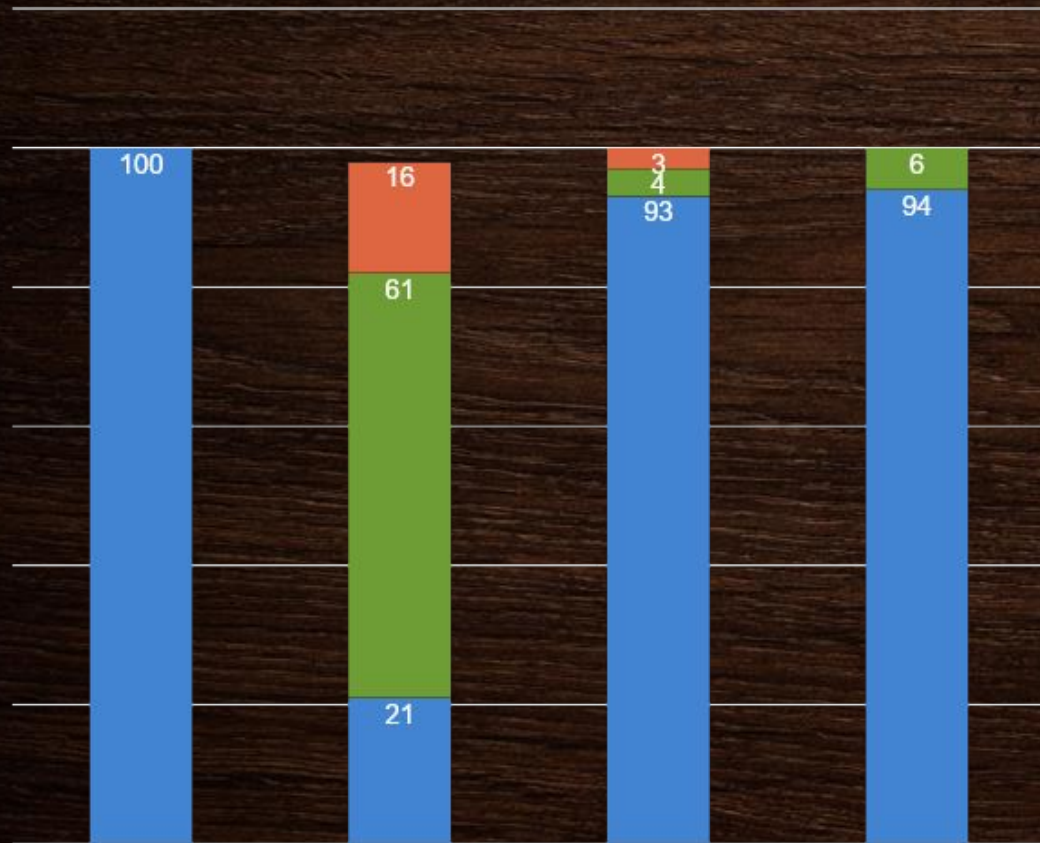
# The popularity of Halloween and Day of Ivan Kupala

- On the popularization of Halloween there is a whole industry works – Halloween costumes, masks, carved pumpkins is only part of what works for the occasion. In America at the end of October hit record sales on candy. Also a lot of movies are dedicated to Halloween.
- The Ivan Kupala day has become a source of inspiration for many great people. Its traditions and rituals had brilliant display N. In. Gogol in the story "Evenings on a farm near Dikanka", Russian playwright and storyteller A. Ostrovsky "snow maiden" Rimsky-Korsakov Opera of the same name. One of the most mystical days of the year believed, and Sergei Yesenin and Nikolai Gumilev.

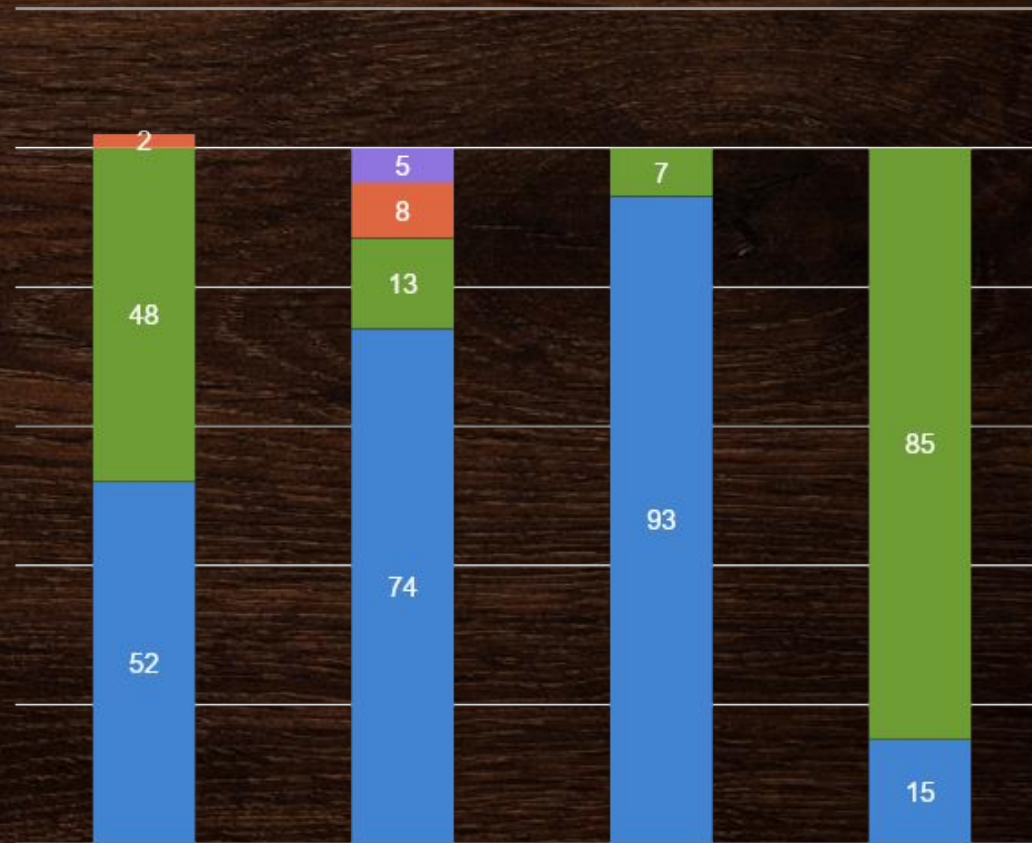


# The survey

Halloween



The Day of Ivan Kupala





# The conclusion

These holidays have many strange things. They are mysterious. They mixed the modern and the mythical antiquity. They're good and bad at the same time.

So in recent years an interest to the traditions of the holiday of Ivan Kupala grows up. In many cities and villages of Russia people celebrate it in a big way.



We think this revival is facilitated by the emergence of foreign Halloween in our country. People looked back at their history and saw that we have a similar holiday, and there are both similarities and differences.