

HALLOWEEN



Halloween

Halloween
is
celebrated
on the 31st
of October.



The History of Halloween

- ▣ The tradition of Halloween began in the fifth century B.C. by the Irish Celts, who organized their year according to the agricultural calendar and marked the transition from one year to the next on October 31.



The History of Halloween

- ▣ The Celts, ancient inhabitants of Great Britain, celebrated their New Year on November 1st. It was celebrated every year with a festival that marked the end of the «season of the sun» and the beginning of «the season of darkness and cold.

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- On the eve before their new year, October 31, it was believed that Samhain, who was the Lord of the Death and Prince of Darkness, called together all the dead people.



The History of Halloween

- ▣ In the year 835 AD the Roman Catholic Church made November 1st a church holiday to honour all the saints.
- ▣ This day is called All Saint's Day. It used to be also known as Hallowmas. Gradually, over the years, October 31st became known as All Hallow Even, eventually All Hallow's Eve, and then Halloween as we know it today.

Jack-o-Lantern







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Typical Halloween activities:

- ▣ trick-or-treating
- ▣ attending costume parties
- ▣ carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns
- ▣ lighting bonfires
- ▣ apple bobbing
- ▣ telling scary stories and watching horror films





Halloween costumes

- ▣ Children and adults prefer wearing costumes on Halloween.
- ▣ Halloween costumes are traditionally modeled after supernatural figures such as vampires, monsters, ghosts, skeletons, witches, and devils.





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