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**HALLOWEEN**

**H**alloween had its beginnings in an ancient, pre-Christian Celtic festival of the dead.

The festival observed at this time was called *Samhain*. It was the biggest and most significant holiday of the Celtic year. The Celts believed that at the time of Samhain, more so than any other time of the year, the ghosts of the dead were able to mingle with the living, because at Samhain the souls of those who had died during the year traveled into the otherworld. People gathered to sacrifice animals, fruits, and vegetables.

Today Halloween is becoming once again an adult holiday or masquerade. Men and women in different costumes are taking to the streets of big American cities and parading, candlelit pumpkins and try to touch otherworldly and show their connection with roots and genus. They dress up in costumes of evil to be recognized for all his saints that evening according to legend. In so doing, they are reaffirming death and its place as a part of life in an celebration of a holy and magic evening.

**Symbols**

Artifacts and symbols associated with Halloween formed over time. Jack-o'-lanterns (the latern pumpkin) are traditionally applied during guisers on All Hallows' Eve in order to frighten evil spirits. There is a popular Irish folktale about the jack-o'-lantern, which represent a "soul who has been denied entry into both heaven and hell". As you know in a jack-o'-lantern, the top of the pumpkin or turnip is cut off to form a lid, the inside flesh is scooped out, and an image — usually a monstrous or comical face.

Trick-or-treating is a customary celebration for children on Halloween. Children go in costume from house to house, asking for treats such as candy or sometimes money, with the question, "Trick or treat?" The word "trick" refers to "threat" to perform mischief on the homeowners or their property if reward, sweets or money aren't given. **Costumes**

Halloween costumes are traditionally modeled after supernatural figures such as vampires, monsters, ghosts, skeletons, witches, and devils. Over time, in the United States the costume selection extended to include popular characters from fiction, celebrities, and generic archetypes such as ninjas and princesses, superheroes and comics characters

**Games and other activities**

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. Halloween, a time of magic, also became a day of divination, with a host of magical beliefs: for instance, if persons hold a mirror and walk backwards down the stairs to the basement, the face that appears in the mirror will be their next lover.

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