

What Is HALLOWEEN?

Halloween has its roots in an ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, a harvest festival.



The evening before All Saints Eve was known as All Hallows Eve and later was renamed Halloween.

The tradition of carving Jack-o-Lanterns originated with using turnips instead of pumpkins.



People believed that disguising themselves as spirits would save them from being terrorized by actual spirits.

The "trick-or-treat" tradition originated in the US as a result of combining the Irish and English traditions.



'The Legend Of The Sleepy Hollow' was one of the first ghost stories about Halloween that became popular.

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