

Quick Check

The History of Halloween

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

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| <p>1. Why did the Celts light bonfires and sacrifice crops and animals during Samhain?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The festival took place at night, so it was dark. Ⓑ They believed they were helping the dead travel to the underworld. Ⓒ They had too many animals and crops from the year. Ⓓ The festival was meant to burn old trees and plants. <p>2. Where did the name <i>Halloween</i> come from?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ All Hallows Eve Ⓑ Samhain Ⓒ Celtic Ⓓ All Hallows Day | <p>3. Why did Stingy Jack cut a hole in a turnip and place a candle inside?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ He was scared of the dark and worried something bad would happen if he didn't have a candle lit. Ⓑ His job was to walk around at night and protect the villagers from the evil spirits. Ⓒ His spirit was forced to roam in the darkness as punishment for playing tricks on his friends. Ⓓ His best friend gave him the turnip as a gift, so he turned it into a lantern to help them both see. |
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4. Which of the following sentences is an example of the authors expressing their point of view in this nonfiction text?
 - Ⓐ *Monsters, ghosts, superheroes, and princesses of all ages celebrate together.*
 - Ⓑ *Many people create jack-o'-lanterns at Halloween.*
 - Ⓒ *Some older Halloween traditions are less well known today.*
 - Ⓓ *Sadly, as Halloween became more popular, pranks became more common.*
5. What is another word for **tradition**?
 - Ⓐ guess
 - Ⓑ trick
 - Ⓒ fire
 - Ⓓ custom
6. Which of the following events came first in the history of Halloween?
 - Ⓐ Samhain festival
 - Ⓑ carving jack-o'-lanterns
 - Ⓒ bobbing for apples
 - Ⓓ costume events at malls
7. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ Halloween candy is the most delicious candy to eat.
 - Ⓑ Halloween generates millions of dollars for businesses.
 - Ⓒ Halloween celebrations have changed over the years.
 - Ⓓ Halloween is always celebrated on October 31.
8. In which group would you classify bobbing for apples?
 - Ⓐ Halloween traditions from the Celts
 - Ⓑ Halloween traditions from today
 - Ⓒ Halloween traditions from the past
 - Ⓓ Halloween traditions from the English

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9. Why might going to a mall for a trick-or-treating event be safer than trick-or-treating in a neighborhood?
- Ⓐ Trick-or-treaters would get more candy.
 - Ⓑ Trick-or-treaters would be safe from street traffic.
 - Ⓒ Trick-or-treaters could go shopping while getting candy.
 - Ⓓ Trick-or-treaters could change their costumes during the event.

10. Which of the following means *beyond what can be explained by natural law*?

- Ⓐ Celtic
- Ⓑ underworld
- Ⓒ prediction
- Ⓓ supernatural

11. **Extended Response:** Choose one Halloween tradition from the book. Write a summary of where that tradition started, and tell how it has evolved into the tradition we know today.

12. **Extended Response:** Why do you think Halloween is such a popular holiday in the United States? Use details from the text to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓓ *Author's Point of View*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Classify Information*
9. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include a Halloween tradition from the book (such as trick-or-treating) and a summary of where that tradition started and how we know it today.
12. Answers will vary but should include why the student thinks Halloween is such a popular holiday, with details from the text supporting his or her answer.