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

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| <p>1. Which of the following events came first in the history of Halloween?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ⓐ bobbing for apples</li><li>Ⓑ carving jack-o'-lanterns</li><li>Ⓒ Samhain festival</li><li>Ⓓ costume events at malls</li></ul> <p>2. What is the main idea of this book?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ⓐ Halloween candy is the most delicious candy to eat.</li><li>Ⓑ Halloween generates millions of dollars for businesses each year.</li><li>Ⓒ Halloween celebrations have changed over the years.</li><li>Ⓓ Halloween is always celebrated on October 31.</li></ul> | <p>3. Why did people in Ireland and England carve scary faces into turnips, beets, and potatoes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ⓐ They wanted to scare Stingy Jack away.</li><li>Ⓑ They wanted Stingy Jack to come to their house.</li><li>Ⓒ They wanted mummers to give them food and drink.</li><li>Ⓓ They wanted to help spirits pass into the underworld.</li></ul> |
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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 each year at Halloween.*
  - Ⓒ *Some Halloween traditions that were once popular are less well known today.*
  - Ⓓ *Unfortunately, though, as Halloween became more popular, pranks became common on Halloween night.*
5. What is another word for **prank**?
  - Ⓐ prediction
  - Ⓑ trick
  - Ⓒ belief
  - Ⓓ custom
6. Why did the Celts light bonfires and sacrifice crops and animals during Samhain?
  - Ⓐ 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.
7. Where did the name *Halloween* come from?
  - Ⓐ All Hallows Eve
  - Ⓑ Samhain
  - Ⓒ Celtic
  - Ⓓ All Hallows Day

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8. Which of the following is a detail from the section "Celebrating in a Crowd"?
  - Ⓐ The Celts dressed up like animals during Samhain.
  - Ⓑ Stingy Jack liked to play tricks on his friends.
  - Ⓒ Fortune-telling was once a popular tradition on Halloween.
  - Ⓓ Both kids and adults enjoy celebrating Halloween.
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 *guesses about what might happen in the future*?
  - Ⓐ medieval
  - Ⓑ enthusiasm
  - Ⓒ predictions
  - Ⓓ 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

## The History of Halloween

*Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details*

1. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
2. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓓ *Author's Point of View*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
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.