

## Quick Check

## The History of Halloween

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

1. Which of the following events came last in the history of Halloween?
  - (A) bobbing for apples as a form of fortune telling
  - (B) carving faces into turnips, beets, and potatoes
  - (C) dressing up as animals during the Samhain festival
  - (D) trick-or-treating events at malls and churches
2. Which of the following sentences is an example of the authors expressing their point of view in this nonfiction text?
  - (A) *Monsters, ghosts, superheroes, and princesses of all ages celebrate together.*
  - (B) *Many people create jack-o'-lanterns each year at Halloween.*
  - (C) *A number of Halloween traditions popular in the past are less well known today.*
  - (D) *Interestingly, several of these traditions are related to the Celtic custom of fortune-telling at Samhain.*
3. Why did people in Ireland and England carve scary faces into turnips, beets, and potatoes?
  - (A) They wanted to frighten Stingy Jack away.
  - (B) They wanted Stingy Jack to come to their house.
  - (C) They wanted mummers to give them food and drink.
  - (D) They wanted to help the spirits pass into the underworld.
4. What is the main idea of this book?
  - (A) Halloween is the best time of year for children to collect and eat candy.
  - (B) Halloween generates millions of dollars for businesses each year.
  - (C) Halloween celebrations have changed over the years.
  - (D) Halloween is always celebrated on October 31.

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| <p>5. What is another word for <b>prediction</b>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ guess</li> <li>Ⓑ trick</li> <li>Ⓒ belief</li> <li>Ⓓ custom</li> </ul> <p>6. Which of the following is a detail from the section "Traditions of the Past"?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ The Celts dressed up like animals during Samhain to celebrate the end of the year.</li> <li>Ⓑ Halloween became more popular when Irish immigrants came to the United States.</li> <li>Ⓒ Fortune-telling was once a popular tradition on Halloween and can trace its roots back to Samhain.</li> <li>Ⓓ Consumers spent more money on adult costumes than children's costumes in 2015.</li> </ul> | <p>7. Where did the name <i>Halloween</i> come from?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Samhain</li> <li>Ⓑ All Hallows Eve</li> <li>Ⓒ Celtic</li> <li>Ⓓ All Hallows Day</li> </ul> <p>8. Why did the Celts light bonfires and sacrifice crops and animals during Samhain?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ The festival took place at night, so it was dark.</li> <li>Ⓑ They believed they were helping the dead travel to the underworld.</li> <li>Ⓒ They had too many animals and crops from the year.</li> <li>Ⓓ The festival was meant to burn old trees and plants.</li> </ul> |
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9. According to the text, which of the following is a reason for children to trick-or-treat at a mall instead of in a neighborhood?
- Ⓐ Trick-or-treaters would be safe from street traffic.
  - Ⓑ Trick-or-treaters would get less candy in a shorter period of time.
  - Ⓒ 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 *a belief or custom that is passed down from year to year and generation to generation*?
- Ⓐ consumer
  - Ⓑ prank
  - Ⓒ prediction
  - Ⓓ tradition

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