

Halloween in the United States



The Origins of Halloween

More than two thousand years ago, the **Celts** who lived in **Ireland** celebrated a special festival called **Samhain on the of 1st November**. It was their New Year celebration.

Later, 1st November became known as **All Saints Day** or **All Hallows**. The evening before All Hallows became known as **Hallows Eve** and later **Halloween** or **Hallowe'en**.



The Tradition is Brought to the United States

The traditions of Hallow's Eve were practiced for centuries. For example, people used to make **lanterns** by carving turnips and putting candles inside them.

When many **Irish** people emigrated to America to escape the potato famine of 1846, they took the traditions of **Halloween** with them. However, it was easier to find pumpkins than it was to find turnips. This is what Americans used and continue to use to make their **jack o' lanterns**.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-TR35esdMA>



How is Halloween Celebrated today?

Most American families celebrate Halloween by **dressing up in costumes**, **attending parties**, **going to haunted houses**, and **carving pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns**.

Many choose to **decorate their homes** in a dark, spooky fashion with props like fake spider webs, bones, and ghouls.



How is Halloween Celebrated today

In the past, children would celebrate the holiday by playing “tricks” on people, such as trying to scare a neighbor. However, today most people engage in the part of the holiday that involves **treats**, not tricks.



How is Halloween Celebrated today?

Trick-or-treating may be the most popular way to celebrate the holiday. Kids and adults **dress up in costumes** and go door to door exclaiming, “Trick or Treat!” This customary phrase implies that if the homeowner does not give a treat to their guest, a trick may follow. Of course, in the rare event that a child leaves empty-handed, he or she rarely follows through on this promise.



Halloween Activities



Carving pumpkins



Trick-or-treating



Going to a haunted house

Vocabulary



Costumes

Trick-or-treating

Haunted houses

Spooky

Pumpkin patches

Candy

Corn mazes

Carving pumpkins

Ghosts

Graveyards

Jack-o-lantern

Halloween parties

Thriller by Michael Jackson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOnqjkJTMaA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4V90AmXnguw>

This is Halloween

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsYtRZ4Saal>

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Boys and girls of every age

Wouldn't you like to see something strange?

Come with us and you will see

This, our town of Halloween

This is Halloween, this is Halloween

Pumpkins scream in the dead of night

This is Halloween, everybody make a scene

Trick or treat 'til the neighbors gonna die of fright

It's our town, everybody scream

In this town of Halloween

I am the one hiding under your bed

Teeth ground sharp and eyes glowing red

I am the one hiding under your stairs

Fingers like snakes and spiders in my hair

This is Halloween, this is Halloween

Halloween, Halloween

Halloween, Halloween

In this town we call home

Everyone hail to the pumpkin song

In this town, don't we love it now?

Everybody's waiting for the next surprise

'Round that corner, man hiding in the trash can

Something's waiting now to pounce and how you'll
scream

This is Halloween, red and black, slimy green

Aren't you scared? Well, that's just fine

Say it once, say it twice

Take a chance and roll the dice

Ride with the moon in the dead of night

Everybody scream, everybody scream

In our town of Halloween

I am the clown with the tear-away face

Here in a flash and gone without a trace

I am the who when you call, "Who's there?"

I am the wind blowing through your hair

I am the shadow on the moon at night

Filling your dreams to the brim with fright

This is Halloween, this is Halloween

Halloween, Halloween

'Alloween, 'alloween

'Alloween, 'alloween

Tender lumpings everywhere

Life's no fun without a good scare

That's our job, but we're not mean

In our town of Halloween

In this town, don't we love it now?

Everybody is waiting for the next surprise

Skeleton Jack might catch you in the back

And scream like a banshee

Make you jump out of your skin

This is Halloween, everybody scream

Won't you please make way for a very special guy

Our man Jack is king of the Pumpkin Patch

Everyone hail to the Pumpkin King now

This is Halloween, this is Halloween

'Alloween, 'alloween

'Alloween, 'alloween

In this town we call home

Everyone hail to the pumpkin song