

COMPREHENSION



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Halloween

Read The Article And
Answer The Questions.

Many years ago in England, Ireland, and Northern France, there was a group of people (Celts) who celebrated New Year on November 1. It was the end of summer and the beginning of a long, cold, and dark winter.

The Celts believed that the spirits of dead people would come to their homes on the night before New Year, which was October 31 to steal the people who were still alive. So to prevent the ghosts from stealing the people, the Celts dressed up in scary clothes to scare the ghosts away.

Centuries later, many people from France, England, Ireland, and other countries immigrated to the United States and they brought some of their beliefs with them.

Today, in modern times, the festival of Halloween is held every year on October 31. The young children dress up in costumes to look like their favorite animal, a zombie, a ghost, or a witch and they paint their faces with black paint and other colors to look scary. Then they visit the houses of everyone in the community and knock on the door. When the person of the house opens the door, the children shout “trick or treat” and then the house owner needs to give them some candy. The children enjoy this very much.

Many gardens are decorated with orange pumpkins and some scary objects like spiders and ghosts during the month of October.

Comprehension Questions

1. When did the Celts celebrate New Year?
2. Can you name one country where they celebrated this festival on the evening before November 1?
3. What did the Celts believe happens on October 31?
4. What did they wear to scare away the dead people?
5. Where did the people from England, Northern France, and Ireland emigrate to?
6. What do the children in the USA do on the night of October 31?
7. What kind of clothes do they wear?
8. What can we find in the gardens in the USA during the month of October?

Teacher's Key

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2. Can you name one country where they celebrated this festival on the evening before November 1?
Ireland, Northern France, England.
3. What did the Celts believe happens on October 31?
They believed the spirits of the dead people would visit them to steal the people who are alive.
4. What did they wear to scare away the dead people?
Scary clothes.
5. Where did the people from England, Northern France, and Ireland emigrate to?
USA
6. What do the children in the USA do on the night of October 31?
They visit the houses in their communities and ask the owners for some candy.
7. What kind of clothes do they wear?
Scary clothes of animals or their favorite character.
8. What can we find in the gardens in the USA during the month of October?
Many orange pumpkins and scary things, like spiders and ghosts.