

Halloween Trivia Questions

(answers are in **bold**)

- 1) Why are Halloween colors Orange and Black?
Orange and Black are Halloween colors because **orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.**

- 2) What ancient festival is considered to have evolved into our modern Halloween?
A: Lammas B: Beltane **C: Samhain** D: Ostara
It is generally accepted that Halloween dates back to an ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain, or the Celtic New Year. It was believed that the spirits of everyone who had died during the year would return on the eve of Samhain to seek living bodies to possess for the following year. The Celts would dress in ghoulish costumes and hold noisy revels in an attempt to frighten away these spirits. Food and drink was also offered to pacify the dead.

- 3) Where did the tradition of carving Jack o' lanterns come from, and why are they lit with candles?
Jack o' lanterns originated in **Ireland** where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips **to keep away spirits and ghosts** on the Samhain holiday.

- 4) How much money is spent on Halloween candy annually in the United States?
A: \$1 million B: \$200 million C: \$500 million **D: \$2 billion**

- 5) According to legend, a unibrow, tattoos, and a long middle finger are all signs of what Halloween creature?
A: a werewolf B: a vampire C: a witch D: a golem

- 6) How many "witches" were burned at the stake in the Salem Witch Trials?
A: Twelve B: Twenty C: Thirty-three **D: None**
All those executed were hanged or pressed to death. Several others died in prison.

- 7) Ghosts that do pranks are known as what?
A: Spookers **B: Poltergeists** C: Ghosts D: Specters

- 8) What are male witches called?
A: Warlocks B: Morlocks C: Manwitches D: Sorcerors

- 9) Halloween is celebrated on the eve of what Christian holiday?
A: St. Swithin's Day B: Guy Fawkes Day **C: All Saints Day** D: Cinco de Mayo

- 10) What phobia do you suffer from if you have an intense fear of Halloween?
A: Phasmophobia **B: Samhainophobia** C: Wiccaphobia D: Halloweenophobia
Samhainophobia refers to an abnormal and persistent fear of Halloween. This time of year may also stir up other phobias such as the fear of: cats (ailurophobia), witches (wiccaphobia), ghosts (phasmophobia), spiders (arachnophobia), the dark (nyctophobia), and cemeteries (coimetrophobia).

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