

Halloween



Where did Halloween originate?

Halloween originated with the ancient Celts about 2,000 years ago



The Celtic Year

The ancient Celts marked the year with four seasonal festivals:



Harvest Festival: Samhain

31 Oct → 1 Nov



End of the harvest season —→

Beginning of winter and
the darker half of the year

Samhain: A Night Between Two Worlds

The boundary between the world of the living and the world of the dead became thinner.



Keeping Spirits Away

People were afraid of spirits.



Over time, people carved turnips and other vegetables with frightening faces to keep spirits away

Appeasing the Spirits



People left food and drinks for the spirits to keep them calm.

Modern Halloween



We celebrate it on October 31,
just as the ancient Celts celebrated Samhain

Modern Halloween



Why do we carve pumpkins?

Modern Halloween



Why do we wear costumes?

Modern Halloween



Trick or Treat!

Why do we give treats?

Happy
Halloween!