



**Happy
Halloween**



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ORIGIN OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween began as an ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The festival marked the end of summer and the beginning of dark cold winters. The Celtic people believed that on the night before the new year, the ghosts of the dead returned to the earth for one night. When immigrants traveled to America in the 1500-1600's, they brought Halloween with them. People in Ireland would carve faces into turnips and illuminate them with candles. The turnips would be placed in the streets to ward off evil spirits. Thus, when Irish immigrants settled in the U.S., they brought the tradition with them. However, since there were no turnips, they used pumpkins instead.



TRADITIONS IN THE U.S.

- Pumpkin carving or making Jack-o' Lanterns
 - Starts with a trip to a pumpkin patch, then carve the pumpkin, scoop out the seeds, carve a spooky face, and then put a candle inside!
- Visiting Haunted Houses
 - Typically have scary themes, walk through dimly lit rooms or are outdoors and actors will jump out and scare you.
 - Telling scary stories.

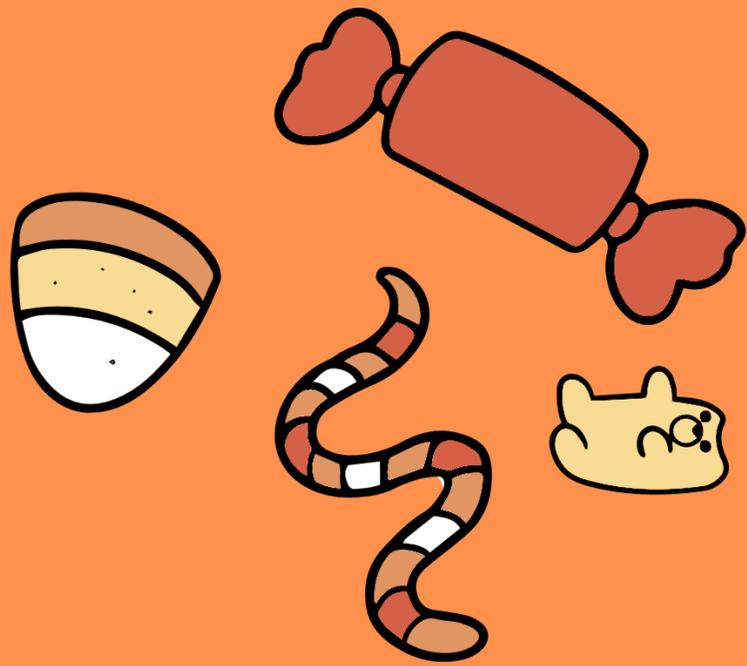




TRADITIONS IN THE U.S.

- Corn Mazes
- Decorating the Home
 - Are decorated super scary or fall themed.
- Candy Corn Craze
 - Little orange, white, and- yellow triangles.
- Scary Movies
 - Several TV networks air horror movies during the month of October (Freeform's 31 Nights of Halloween).

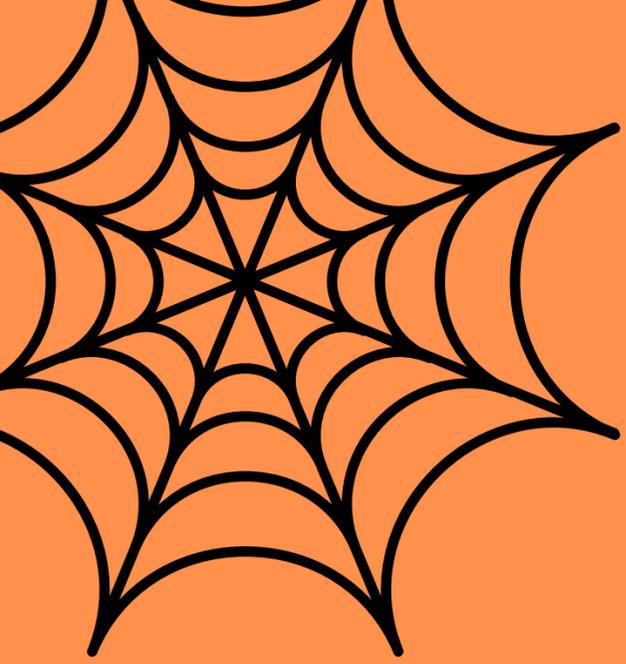




TRICK OR TREATING

- A Halloween practice in which children wearing costumes go from door to door in a neighborhood saying “trick or treat” when a door is opened to ask for treats (candy) with the implied threat of playing tricks on those who refuse.





Key Takeaways

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