



# Halloween

Text Book

# **Halloween - Text**

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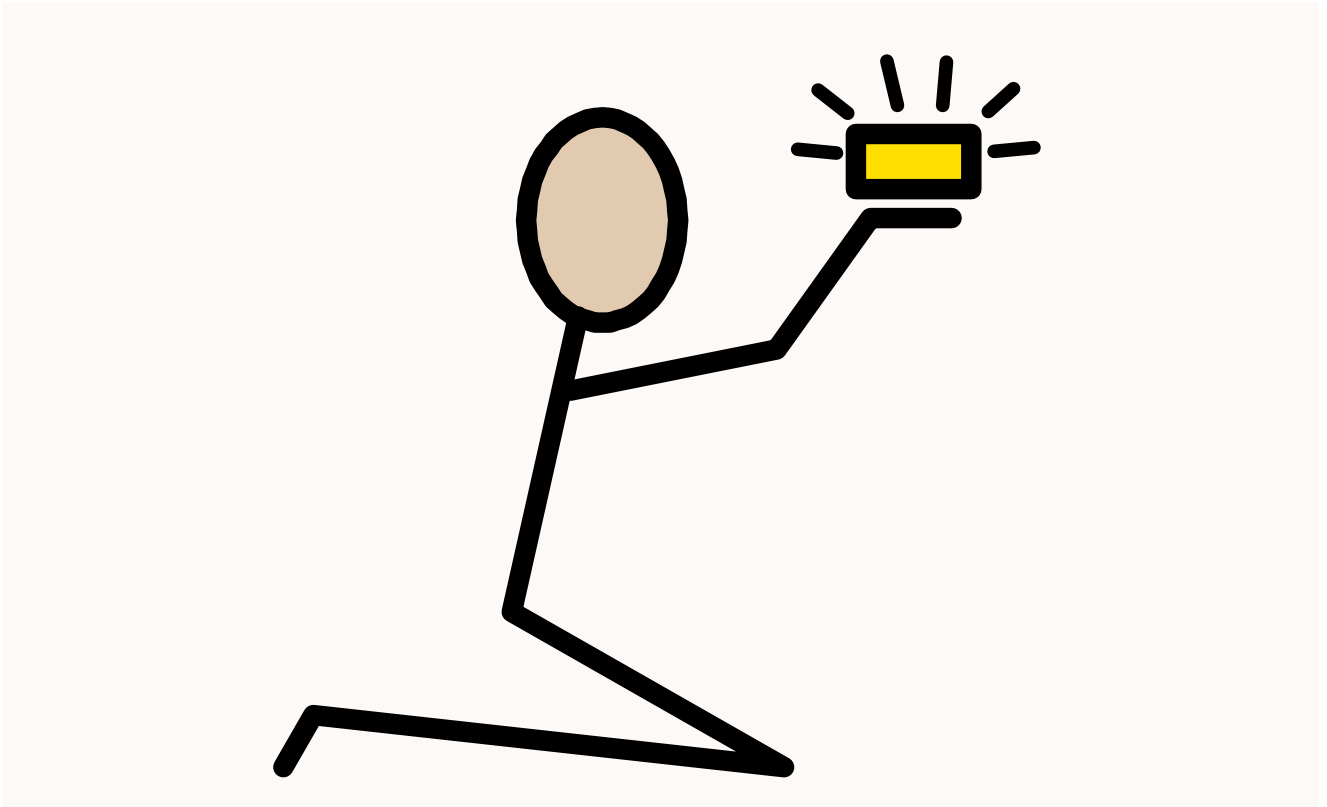


Halloween began as a harvest festival.

Celts in western Europe called it Samhain.

Samhain meant "end of summer".

People wore costumes and told fortunes.

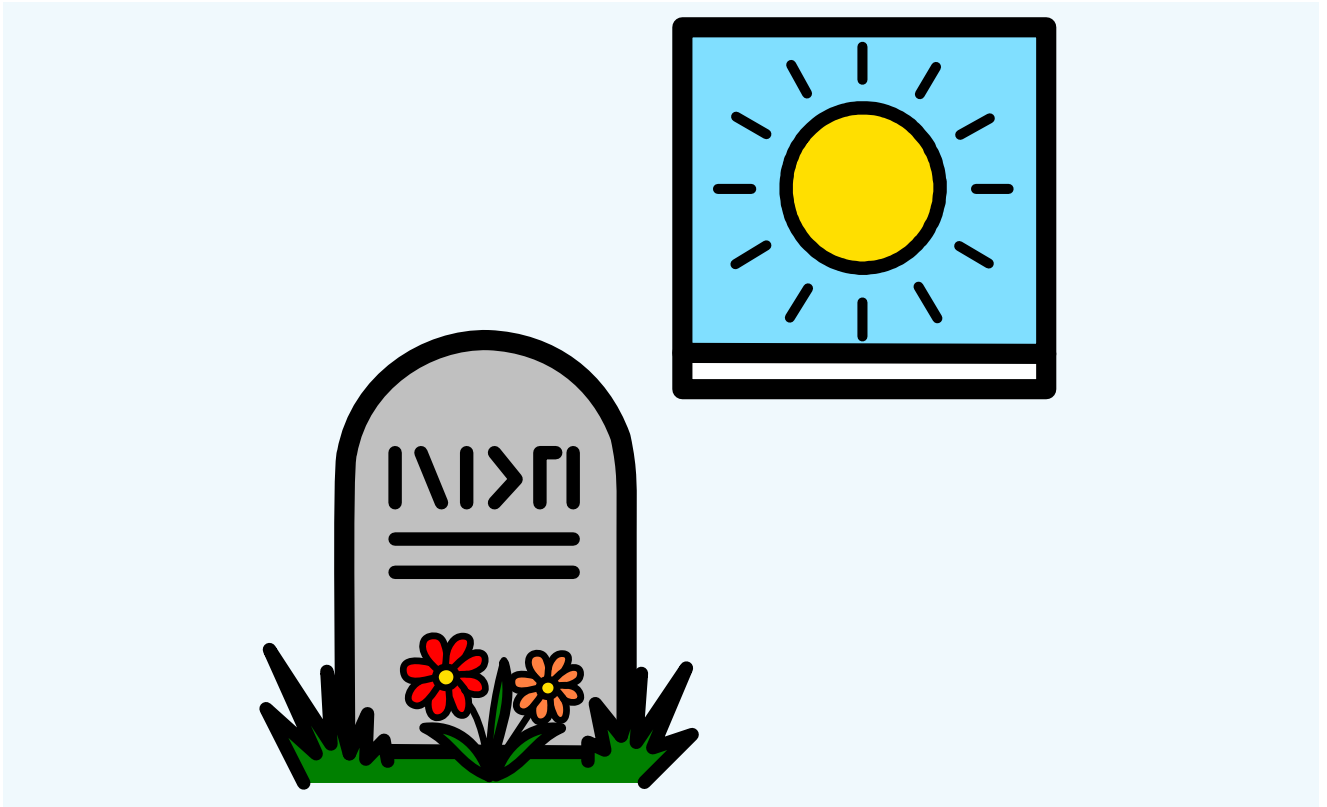


The festival was meant to please the gods.

People sacrificed animals and crops on fires.

People wanted the protection of their gods.

Protection during the long cold winter.



The Celts later became Christians.

Christians called the 1st of November All Saints Day.

All Saints Day was also called All Hallows.

The night before was called All Hallows Eve.

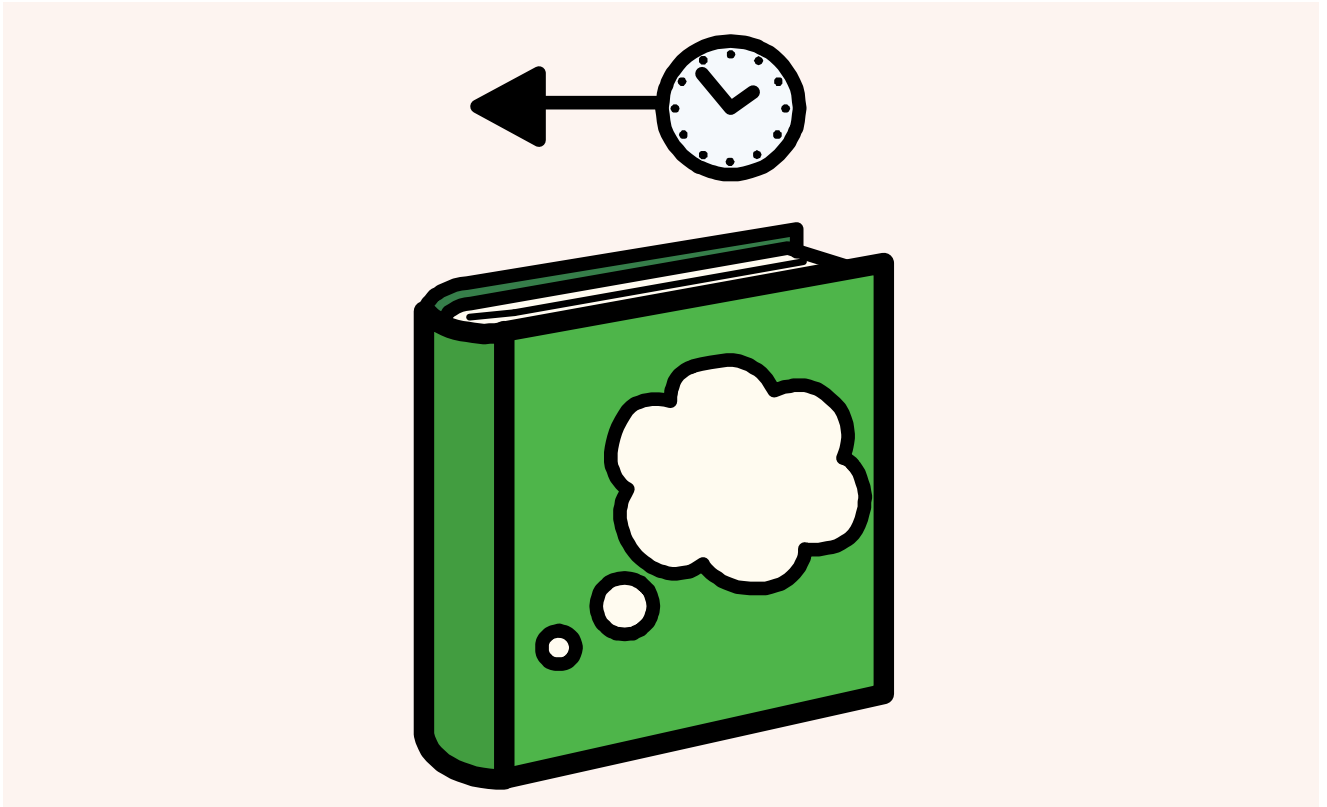


People believed ghosts walked about on Halloween.

People were scared by these beliefs.

People wore masks to fool the ghosts.

Later, people began to wear costumes.



An Irish legend tells about a mean man called Jack.

Jack was condemned forever to walk the Earth.

Jack used a lantern made from a turnip and candle.

Jack became known as Jack of the Lantern.



Over time Jack became known as Jack O Lantern.

European settlers in America used pumpkins.

Pumpkins were soft and shone with an orange glow.

Today Jack O Lanterns are carved from pumpkins.



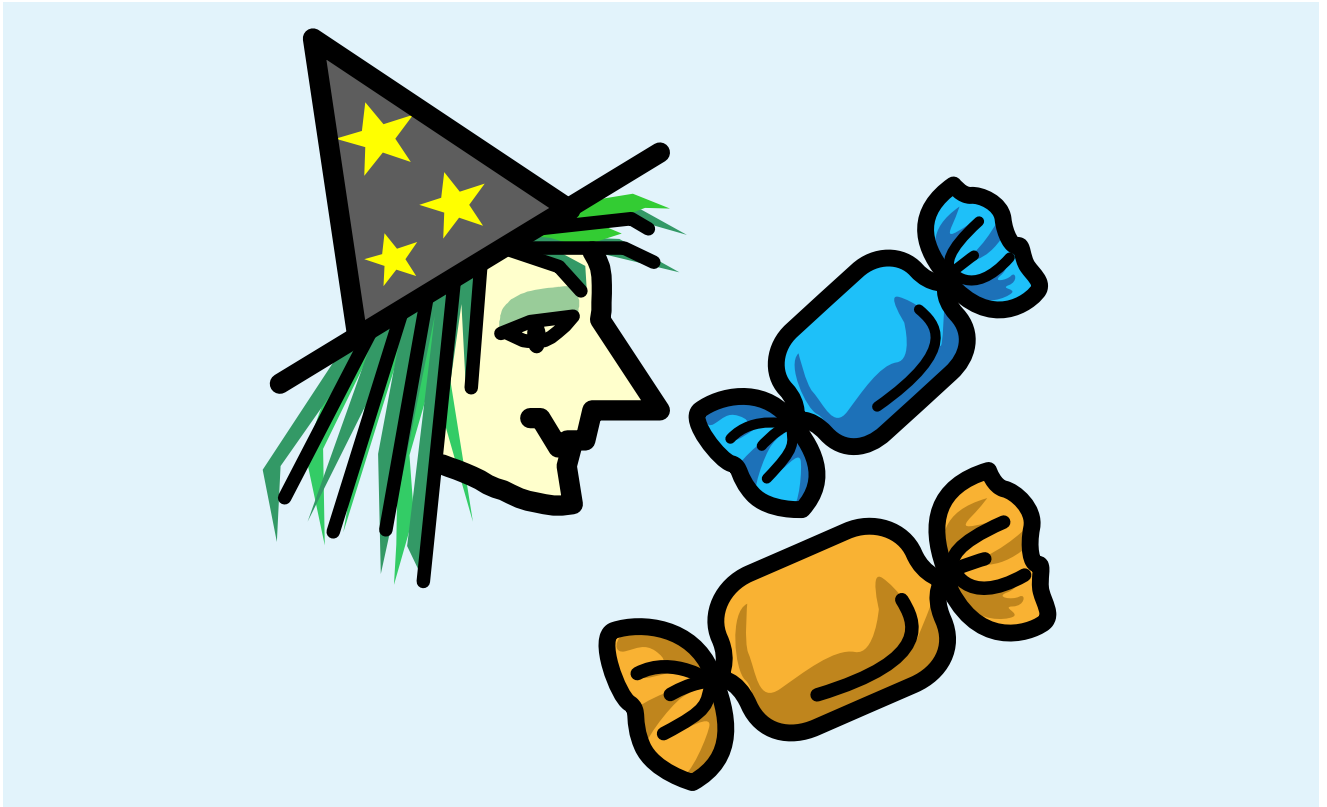


People placed bowls of food outside their house.

They feared ghosts entering their houses.

Later, people started eating the food themselves.

This is how trick or treat began.



The modern Halloween began in America.

Halloween is now celebrated all around the world.

Children wear masks and dress up in scary costumes.

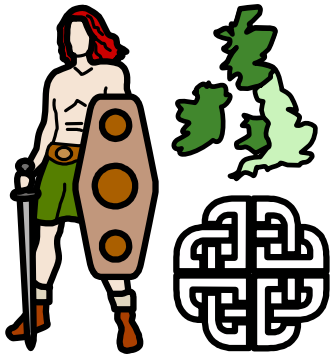
Children go from door to door collecting sweets.



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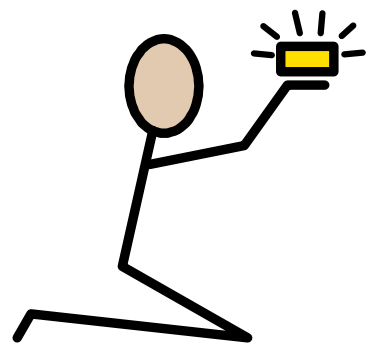
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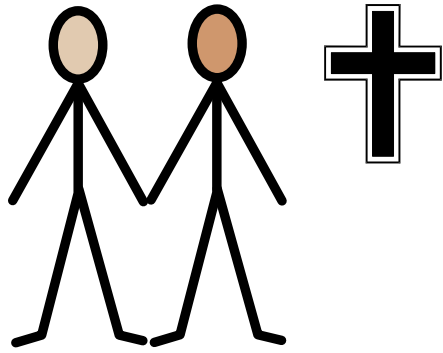
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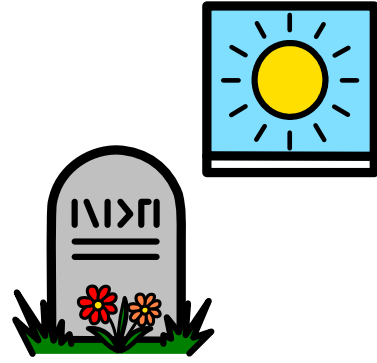
gods



sacrifice



Christians



All Saints Day



Halloween



costumes



Jack O Lantern



trick or treat